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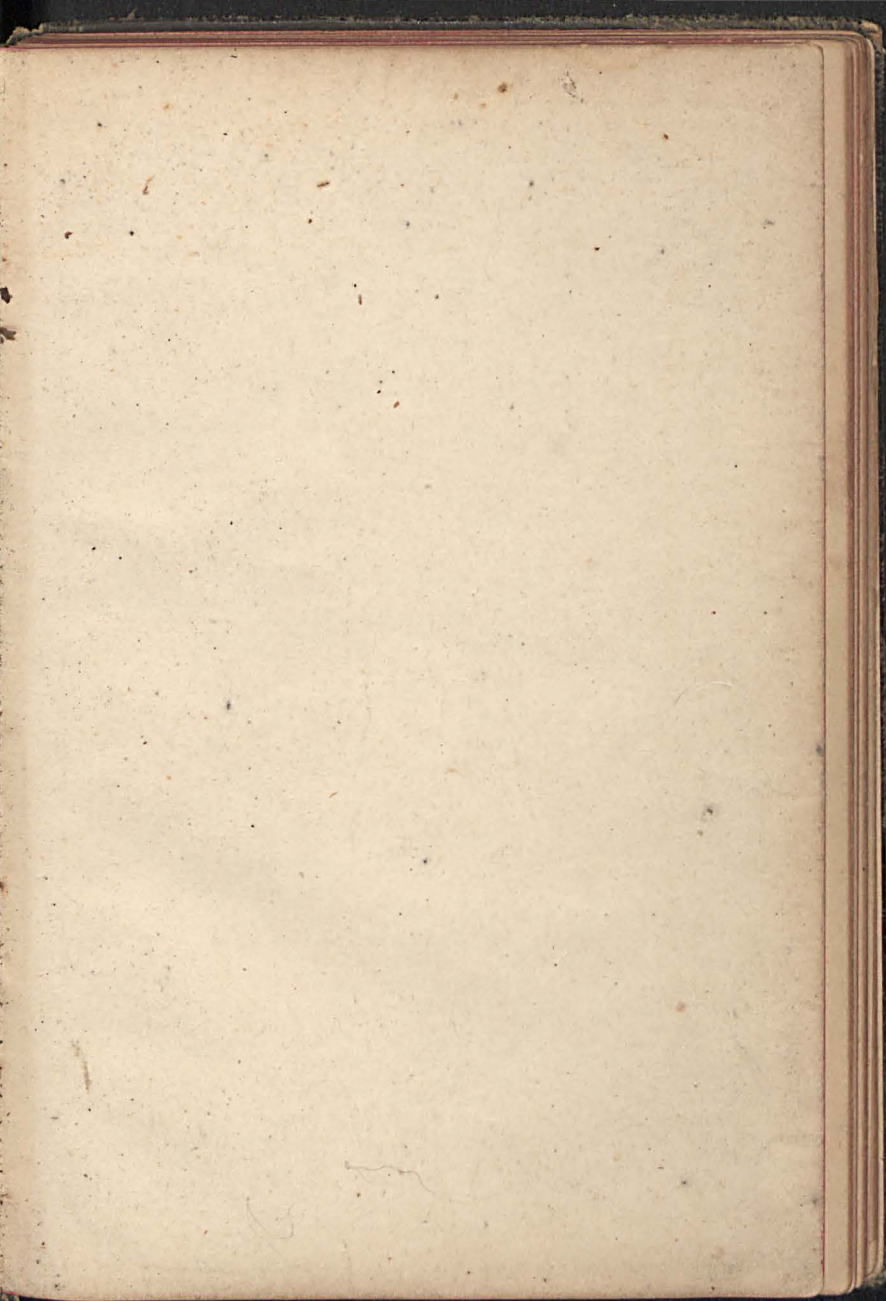
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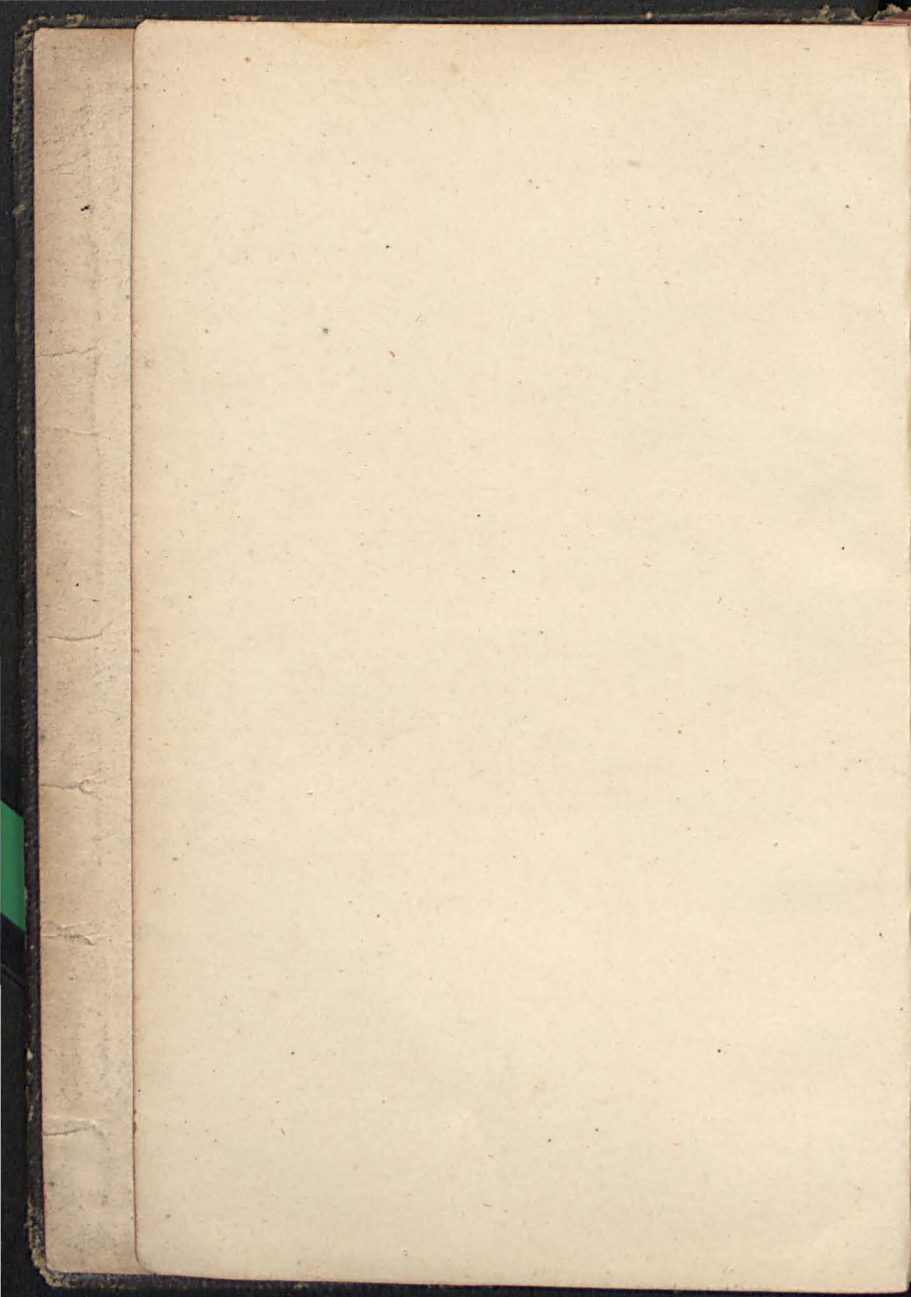
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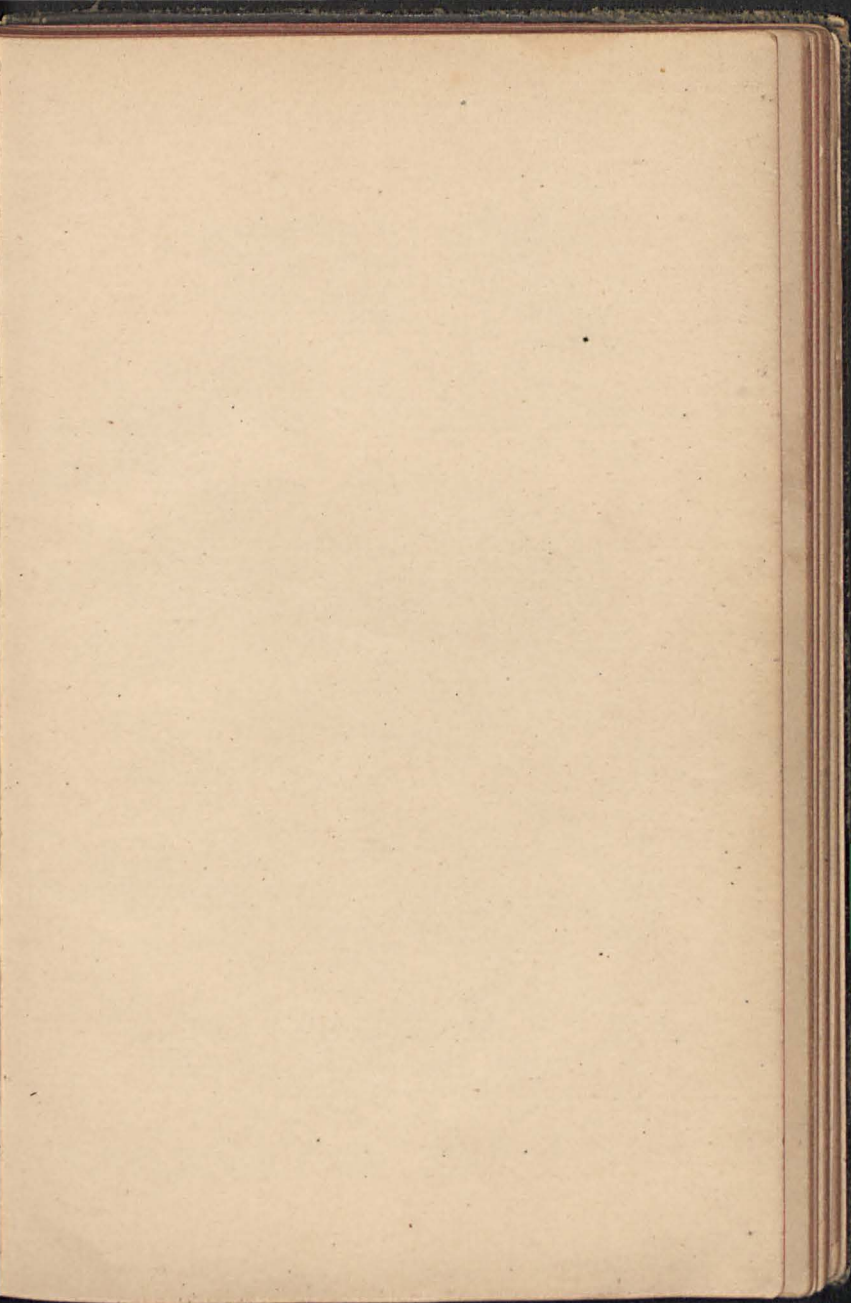
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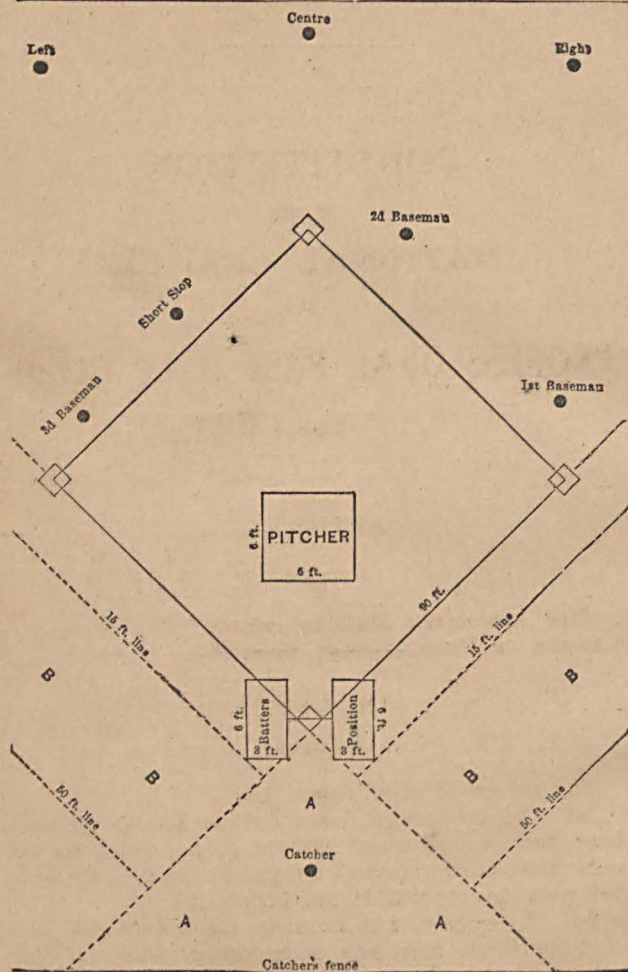
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A. A. A.—Ground reserved for Umpire, Batsman and Catcher.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.
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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this League are:

1st. To encourage, foster and elevate the game of base ball; to enact and enforce proper rules for the exhibition and conduct of the game, and to make base ball playing respectable and honorable.

2d. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players; and

3d. To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

This League shall consist of the following named professional base ball clubs, namely:

Boston B. B. Association, of Boston, Mass.
Buffalo B. B. Association, of Buffalo, N. Y.
Chicago Ball Club, of Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati B. B. Association, of Cincinnati, O.
Cleveland B. B. Club, of Cleveland, O.
Providence B. B. Association, of Providence, R. I.
Troy B. B. Association, of Troy, N. Y.
Worcester B. B. Club, of Worcester, Mass.

And such other professional base ball clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership under the following rules, namely :

1. No club shall be admitted from either of the cities above named other than the clubs mentioned, except in the event that either of such clubs shall lose its membership, and in no event shall there be more than one club from any city.

2. No club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than seventy-five thousand (75,000), except by unanimous vote of the League.

3. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League, at least five days before the annual meeting, a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the President of the League, who shall forthwith refer it to a committee of three members of the Board of Directors, appointed by him, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application;

said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

4. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by white and black balls. Two black balls shall be sufficient to exclude the applicant, and no club shall be required, under any circumstances, to state how it voted upon such application. Such election shall take place at the annual meeting of the League: *Provided*, That should any eligible club desire to join the League after the adjournment of the annual meeting and before March 1st following, it may make application in writing to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once communicate such application, together with any facts in his possession concerning such applicant, to the President of the League, who shall refer it to a special committee of the Board, as provided in section three of this article; and upon receipt by the Secretary of the report of said committee, he shall transmit such application and report to all League clubs, each of whom shall within ten days, transmit one written ballot, for or against the admission of such applicant, to the Secretary, and if two adverse ballots be not cast, then the Secretary shall, upon receipt of the annual dues, notify such club of its election.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. At its annual meeting, the League shall elect a President by ballot. The President shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall call special meetings of the League when he may deem it necessary, or when thereto requested by half of the clubs of the League.

SEC. 2. The affairs of this League shall be conducted and controlled by five Directors, who shall constitute "The Board," and who shall consist of the

President and four members, to be chosen at the annual meeting in the following manner: The name of each club, except that of which the President is a member, shall be plainly written upon a card, in full view of the delegates present, by the Secretary; the cards to be of the same size, shape, color and material. The cards shall then be placed in some suitable receptacle and well shaken together; thereupon four of these cards shall be drawn successively, and at random, and one delegate from each of the four clubs whose names are so drawn, shall, with the President, compose the Board, and if any club whose name is thus drawn be represented by two delegates, such delegation shall name one of its number to be a member of the Board.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also elect a gentleman of intelligence, honesty and good repute, who is versed in base ball matters, but who is not, in any manner, connected with the press, and who is not a member of any professional base ball club, either in or out of the League, to be the Secretary of the Board and of the League.

TREASURER'S DUTIES.

The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all the funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as may be ordered by the Board, or by vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts.

SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

He shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SALARY AND GUARATNEE.

He shall receive such salary as the League, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office, he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

VACANCY IN THE BOARD.

SEC. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Article IV, Section 1, of this Constitution.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFICATIONS.

No person shall be qualified to act as a Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

BOARD'S DUTIES.

SEC. 5. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD, AND REPORT.

The Board shall meet annually on the evening of the first Tuesday in December, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may

require. They shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same, in writing, to the League, at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

PENALTY.

Any Director who shall disclose or publish any of the proceedings of the Board, except officially through the report of the Board, or when called upon by vote of the League, shall forfeit his office.

ARTICLE V.

CLUBS.

SECTION 1. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend, or expel its own players; and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That nothing shall be done in violation of, or contrary to, this Constitution or the Playing Rules.

EMPLOYMENT OF EXPELLED PLAYERS FORBIDDEN.

SEC. 2. No club shall employ as manager, scorer, or player, any person who has willfully violated any provision of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or who has been expelled from any club belonging to this League, or who shall be disqualified from playing with a club under any provision of this Constitution; and any club which shall employ or play, or, attempt to play, in its nine, a player disqualified by any provision of this Constitution, shall at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other clubs must and shall, under the penalty of the forfeiture of their

membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 3. Any club having agreed to play a championship game with another club upon a day certain, and refusing or failing to meet its engagement, shall (unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling, or the game be prevented by rain, or postponed with the consent, in writing, of the other clubs), at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 4. In any case subject to the provisions of Sections 2 or 3 of this Article, the club not in default shall at once notify the Secretary of the League, by writing or telegraph, of the default of the other club, stating the particulars of such default, and upon the receipt of such notice the Secretary shall at once notify all League clubs, and the club in default, of the forfeiture of membership of such club, stating in such notice the nature of the default, and referring to the Section of this Article under which such forfeiture of membership was incurred.

SEC. 5. Any player, under contract with a League club, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon, shall be at once expelled by such club.

SEC. 6. Any player, under contract with a League club, who shall be guilty of drunkenness or insubordination, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct, may be suspended by such club for the remainder of the playing season, or for the remainder of that and all of the ensuing playing season, at the option of such

club; and, during the period of said suspension, such player shall be disqualified from playing in or against any League club.

SEC. 7. If any club shall take part in any game of ball on Sunday, or if it shall fail to immediately expel any man under contract with it for taking part in such game as player, umpire or scorer, then, and in either of these cases, the club shall forfeit its membership in the League, and the Board shall, after calling for and considering the defense of the club, if any be furnished within ten days after being called for by the Chairman of the Board, direct the Secretary, and he shall at once notify all League clubs of the forfeiture of membership of any club convicted of such offense; and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club (after the receipt of such notice,) until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

SEC. 8. Every club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city to the extent of four miles in every direction from its corporate limits, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—not even with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished—be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 9. The players and managers employed by the clubs belonging to this League shall be considered and treated as members hereof to the extent of being always amenable to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to all its privileges in matters of dispute, grievance or discipline, as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 10. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or pre-

senting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension, from the League. Nor shall any League club play any club that has, at any time during the same playing season, played a game of ball with any other club employing or presenting in its nine any player expelled or suspended from the League: *Provided*, That in case the club employing such expelled or suspended League player shall discharge such player from its service, League clubs may thereafter play against such club, and against other clubs that may have played such club while employing such player.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. Every club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of One Hundred Dollars as annual dues, and any club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit its membership in the League, and the Secretary of the League shall notify all League clubs of such forfeiture of membership, by telegraph, on said first day of May, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or re-elected to membership.

ARTICLE VII.

FORFEITING MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of any club belonging to this League shall be forfeited under the following circumstances, namely:

- 1st. By voluntary withdrawal or disbandment.
- 2d. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement or order of the Board.
- 3d. By willfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules adopted hereunder: *Provided*, That in all cases where this Constitution

does not specifically inflict immediate forfeiture of membership, such forfeiture shall be subject to a two-thirds vote of the League at its annual meeting, and no club which has forfeited its membership shall be readmitted except by unanimous vote of the League.

ARTICLE VIII.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a player of another club for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player may belong to discipline him, and, upon repetition of such offense, to expel him: *Provided*, That such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

DISPUTES BETWEEN CLUBS INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 2. The Board shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between two or more clubs which involve the interpretation or construction of this Constitution, or any of its Articles, and facts in controversy. When such a dispute arises, and either club shall signify to the other its desire for the Board to decide the matter, each club shall furnish to the Secretary, as soon as possible, a written statement of its side of the dispute, with the names of its witnesses, or an agreed statement of facts, if possible, which the Secretary shall docket in the order of its reception, and at the next annual meeting the clubs shall present themselves before the Board with their testimony, and the Board shall proceed to try the case impartially and render a true verdict. • The Board shall have a right to put the witnesses under oath, and must do so if de-

manded thereto by either party. No Director shall sit on the trial of a cause in which his club is interested, but must retire and permit the others alone to determine the matter. The finding of the Board, in such a case, shall be *final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board: *Provided*, That in case the matter in dispute shall involve the forfeiture of membership of a League club during the playing season, the Board shall, if appealed to by such club through the Secretary of the League, forthwith determine the matter, but, in such case, the members of the Board shall (unless the ends of justice may seem to them to require a meeting) determine such question by conference with each other by written correspondence.

PLAYER'S APPEAL FROM HIS CLUB.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any player who shall have been expelled or suspended by his club, or for an alleged breach of contract. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner: The player shall file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the player's statement, and at the next annual meeting the club and the player shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be *final* and forever binding on both club and player. In the event the club appealed from is represented in the Board, that representative shall not be allowed to sit in the matter.

EXPENSES.

SEC. 4. The expense of all trials and arbitrations shall be equally borne by the parties litigant.

ARTICLE IX.

ANNUAL MEETING.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in December of each year, at twelve o'clock noon, and at such place as shall be determined by vote at the previous annual meeting. The annual meeting shall not be held in any city where a club member of the League is located, but shall be held in some easily accessible place, and, as near as may be, equidistant from the several club members.

SEC. 2. At such meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement with it as a ball player and belonging to the nine of such club in said capacity; they shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act; but no club shall have more than one vote.

QUORUM.

A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 3. The following shall be the order of business.

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Election of new members.
4. Amendment of Constitution.
5. Amendment of Playing Rules.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

PLAYING RULES.

The League at its first meeting shall adopt a code of Playing Rules, which may be altered, amended or abolished at any subsequent annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

CONTRACTS.

SECTION 1. Contracts hereafter made between the clubs, members of this League, and their players, shall be made under and in view of the following provisions:

CONTRACTS MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

No club shall be prevented from contracting with a player for the reason that he is already under contract with another club: *Provided*, The services to be rendered under the second contract is not to begin until the expiration of the first contract.

• The contract must be executed in the form adopted by the League, and the Secretary of the League shall, upon application, furnish each League club a suitable supply of the printed forms of contract adopted by the League.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE REQUIRED.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of a club as soon as it shall have entered into a contract with a player, to transmit said contract to the Secretary of the League. If the Secretary shall find the contract to be in the form adopted by the League, he shall endorse upon it his certificate to that effect, together with the date of its receipt by him, and at once return it to the contracting club.

• The Secretary shall also enter upon his records the names of the contracting club and player, and immediately notify all other League clubs of such contract. In no case shall the Secretary give such certificate or give notice of such contract unless it comply, in all

respects, with the form of contract adopted by the League, and no contract shall be regarded as valid or binding until it bears the Secretary's certificate as herein provided.

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION OR RELEASE.

SEC. 3. Whenever a club releases a player from his contract, or suspends or expels him, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of the League in writing, stating, in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof, and the Secretary shall forthwith notify all other clubs.

A player who has been released from his contract without suspension or expulsion, may engage with any other club twenty days from the date of the reception by the Secretary of the notice of such release.

No player who has been suspended or expelled from a League club shall, at any time thereafter, be allowed to play with any League club (either the one expelling him or any other), unless the term of suspension has expired, or upon his appeal to the Board such suspension or expulsion shall have been set aside.

SEC. 4. A player whose contract has expired or become void by reason of his club's disbanding, withdrawing from or losing its membership in the League, may engage for the remainder of the season with any other League club.

ARTICLE XII.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

SECTION 1. The *Championship of the United States*, established by this League, shall be contended for (by the clubs composing this League) under the following rules, namely:

The *championship season* shall extend from the 1st day of May to (and including) the 1st day of October, and no game shall count in the championship series unless played during the championship season.

No game played on Sunday shall count in the championship series.

SEC. 2. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series, between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship (unless played on Sunday), and no League club shall lend or exchange players, to or with each other, for any game played during the championship season.

NUMBER OF GAMES TO BE PLAYED—POSTPONED OR
TIE GAMES.

SEC. 3. Each club shall play the following number of games with every other club: If six clubs be members of the League on the first day of the championship season, sixteen games; if eight clubs,* twelve games; if ten clubs, ten games; *Provided*, however, that if any game be prevented by rain, or if a tie or drawn game be played, the visiting club shall play off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain, on the first succeeding day (not counting Sundays, days previously agreed upon for championship games between said clubs, or days when rain renders playing impossible), unless such succeeding day must necessarily be occupied by such visiting club intraveling to another city to play a championship game with another League club upon a day previously agreed upon; in which latter case, only the visiting club shall not be required to extend its stay, or to again visit such city for the sole purpose of playing off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain.

SEC. 4. Each club shall be entitled to have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds, and in all the details of such games that do not involve the rights of the visiting club, under the Playing Rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club.

SEC. 5. All games shall be arranged for in writing, and so as to complete the championship series before the expiration of the championship season. Each agreement to play shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify dates for each game covered by the agreement, which dates shall subsequently be changed only as provided in Sec. 3 of this Article, or by the written consent of all parties to such agreement.

SEC. 6. No game shall be played between League clubs before the commencement of the championship series. No game shall be played between any League club and any Non-League club or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds; no game shall be arranged or played between any League and Non-League clubs or picked nines for or upon any "off days" of the championship series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

1st. If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day (not counting Sunday) preceding the day agreed upon for such Non-League or picked nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

2d. All such games shall be played under the Playing Rules of the League, with a League ball to be furnished by the League club.

FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 7. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in cases where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any playing rule of this League.

SEC. 8. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series in favor of either contestant, but

must be played off, if possible, as provided in Sec. 3 of this Article. If they cannot be played off as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off if sufficient time exist before the close of the season.

SEC. 9. The club which shall have won the greatest number of games in the championship series shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same number of games, then the club which shall have lost the smallest number shall be declared the champion.

The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors), to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won; and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing season.

SEC. 10. The championship shall be decided in the following manner, namely:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the "Playing Rules," the date, place where played, and the names of the clubs and umpire: *Provided*, That no tie or drawn game shall be considered "a game" for any purpose, nor shall the score thereof be forwarded to the Secretary.

At the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statements so sent him (which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its an-

nual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:

1st. The tabular statement of the Secretary.

2nd. Forfeited games.

3rd. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent, namely: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first games participated in during the championship season, by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series: *Provided*, That if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

PRICE OF ADMISSION.

4th. The price of admission to championship games shall be fifty cents for each adult person.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE LEAGUE ALLIANCE.

SECTION 1. Clubs whose organization and conduct are not inconsistent with the objects of this League, as expressed in Article II of its Constitution, and who are also eligible under the provisions of this Article, and who shall have filed with the Secretary of the League an agreement duly executed in the following form, shall be recognized as constituting "The League Alliance."

FORM OF "LEAGUE ALLIANCE" AGREEMENT.

It is hereby Agreed by the Parties hereto, as follows:

1st. No club that is a party hereto shall employ or

play in its nine any player to whose services any other club that is a party hereto may be entitled by contract.

2d. Any player under contract with any club that is a party hereto, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or fail to perform his contract, or who shall be proven guilty of disreputable conduct, shall be at once expelled by such club.

3d. No club that is a party hereto shall play any game of ball with any base ball club whatever that shall employ or present in its nine any player that shall have been expelled from any club that is a party hereto for breach of contract or disreputable conduct.

4th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, upon making a contract with a player, *immediately* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, such notice to be in writing, signed by the contracting club and the player, and, *in the absence of such notice to such officer, any player shall be deemed to be free from contract obligation.*

5th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, *upon expelling a player from membership, or releasing him from contract,* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and in the absence of such notice to such officer, such player shall be deemed to be a member in good standing of the club whose notice of contract with such player had previously been transmitted to such officer, until the expiration of the term of such contract.

6th. The notices provided for in the two last preceding stipulations are required to be sent to the Secretary of the League, upon the understanding that such officer will, immediately upon their receipt, communicate the same to all League clubs, as well as to all clubs that are parties to this agreement; and in the event of a failure or refusal of such officer to perform such service, or his discontinuance thereof, then the parties hereto shall devise other means for the performance of such service.

7th. All games played by the clubs that are parties hereto shall be played in accordance with the Playing Rules of the National League.

8th. All disputes that may arise between the clubs that are parties hereto may be submitted to the Board of Directors of the National League for adjudication, in the manner provided for by Section IV, Article XIII, of its Constitution, and the finding of such tribunal shall be final and binding upon the clubs that are parties hereto.

9th. This agreement shall go into effect and be binding upon each club upon the date of its signature by such club.

10th. Each club that is a party hereto shall retain a copy of this agreement, and the original shall be deposited with the Secretary of the National League.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The clubs that are parties hereto have, by their duly authorized representative, signed this agreement on the dates entered opposite their respective signatures.

By

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The Secretary of the "National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs" is hereby authorized to attach the foregoing instrument, bearing our signature, to the original written agreement, of the said text, now in his custody, for the purpose of making the same a part and parcel of such original agreement, binding ourselves and all other clubs parties thereto.

By

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SEC. 2. Each League Alliance Club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of ten dollars, to pay for postage, correspondence, printing and other expenses, and any such club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit all the benefits of this

Article, and the Secretary shall at once notify all League and League Alliance Clubs of such forfeiture.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall issue to all League and League Alliance Clubs the notices provided for in the sixth clause of the League Alliance Agreement, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon him in furtherance of the provisions of said agreement.

SEC. 4. The Board shall, if thereunto requested by League Alliance Clubs, adjudicate disputes in the manner provided in Article VIII, so far as the provisions of that Article may be applicable thereto: *Provided*, That all communications must be addressed to the Secretary of the League.

SEC. 5. No League club shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any League Alliance Club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the contracting club and the player.

SEC. 6. The League shall, at its annual meeting, receive and consider any communication from a club or clubs of the League Alliance on matters effecting the interest of such club or clubs, and shall give a hearing to any delegation or delegations therefrom.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall receive and place on file the score of any game played between two League Alliance Clubs that may be forwarded to him, bearing the certificate of the umpire of such game, and stating the names of each club, the number of runs made by each, and number of innings played, and at the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of such games, according to the statement so sent him (which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall award the League Alliance Championship to the club which shall have won the greatest number of such games. The Board shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting,

and the League shall, thereupon, present such club with a suitable emblem of such championship.

SEC. 8. No club that has forfeited its membership in the League, or that is connected with any organization of clubs other than the League or League Alliance, or that presents in its nine any player expelled from the League or League Alliance, shall be entitled to the benefits of this Article, and the Secretary shall notify all League and League Alliance Clubs of any forfeiture of such benefits that may be incurred by the violation of any provision of this section.

ARTICLE XIV.

FIELD RULES.

Every club in this League shall be bound by the following Field Rules, and must have the same conspicuously posted or placarded upon its grounds, namely: No club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to the nine players on each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform to preserve the peace.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

The umpire is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person hissing or hooting at, or offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared; and if the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled, to the game by

a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution or Playing Rules of this League may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the League at any annual meeting.

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PLAYING RULES
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CLASS I.

THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

Rule 1. The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these Rules.

Rule 2. The Infield must be a space of ground thirty yards square.

Rule 3. The Bases must be

(1) Four in number, and designated as First Base, Second Base, Third Base and Home Base.

(2) The Home Base must be of white marble or white stone, twelve inches square, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and so placed in a corner of the infield that two of its sides will form part of the boundaries of said infield.

(3) The First, Second and Third Bases must be canvas bags, fifteen inches square, painted white, and filled with some soft material, and so placed that the center of each shall be upon a separate corner of the infield, the First Base at the right, the Second Base opposite, and the Third Base at the left of the Home Base.

(4) All the Bases must be securely fastened in their positions, and so placed as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire.

Rule 4. The Foul Lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the Home Base through the center of the positions of First and Third Bases, to the boundaries of the Ground.

Rule 5. The Pitcher's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space of ground, in the infield, six feet long by four feet wide, distant forty-five feet from the center of the Home Base, and so placed that the six feet lines would each be two feet distant from and parallel with a straight line passing through the center of the Home and Second Bases. Each corner of this space must be marked by a flat iron plate or stone, six inches square, fixed in the ground even with the surface.

Rule 6. The Catcher's Lines must be drawn from the outer corner of the Home Base, in continuation of the Foul Lines, straight to the limits of the ground back of the Home Base.

Rule 7. The Captain's Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the ground, fifteen feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 8. The Players' Lines must be drawn from the Catcher's Lines to the limits of the ground, fifty feet from and parallel with the Foul Lines.

Rule 9. The Batsman's Lines must be straight lines forming the boundaries of a space on the right, and of a similar space on the left of the Home Base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the center of the Home Base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the Home Base.

Rule 10. The lines designated in Rules 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 must be marked with chalk or other suitable material so as to be distinctly seen by the Umpire. They must all be so marked their entire length, except the Captain's and Players' Lines, which must be so marked for a distance of at least thirty-five yards from the Catcher's Lines.

Rule 11. The Ball

(1) Must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and contain not more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mold form, and be covered with leather. It must be furnished by the Secretary of the League, whose seal shall be final evidence of the legality of the ball.

(2) In all games the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the Home Club and become the property of the winning club.

(3) Should the ball become out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured as to be unfit for fair use, a new ball shall be called for by the Umpire at the end of an even innings.*

(4) Should the ball be lost during the game, the Umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

Rule 12. The Bat

(1) Must be made wholly of wood.

(2) It must be round; must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part, and must not exceed forty-two inches in length.

CLASS II.**THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.**

Rule 13. The Players of each club, in a match game, shall be nine in number, one of whom shall be the Captain.

Rule 14. The Players' Positions shall be

(1) When in the field (designated "Fielders" in these Rules) such as may be assigned them by their

*The "Spalding League Ball" having been adopted as the official ball, all match games played under the League rules, this ball and *none* other can be legally used.

Captain, **except** that the Pitcher must take his position within the Pitcher's Lines, as defined in Rule 5.

(2) When their side is at the bat they must remain outside the Players' Lines, as defined in Rule 8, **except** that the Captain and one assistant only may occupy the space between said Players' Lines and the Captain's Lines, as defined in Rule 7, to coach base runners, and

(3) The Batsmen must take their position within the Batsman's Lines, as defined in Rule 9, in the order in which they are directed by their Captain, and after each Batsman has had one time at bat, the batting order thus established shall not be changed during the game.

(4) No player of the side at bat, **except** when Batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the Catcher's Lines as defined in Rule 6.

CLASS III. DEFINITIONS.

Rule 15. A **High Ball** is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, higher than the belt of the Batsman, but not higher than his shoulder.

Rule 16. A **Low Ball** is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's belt nor lower than his knee.

Rule 17. A **High or Low Ball** is a ball legally delivered by the Pitcher, over the Home Base, not higher than the Batsman's shoulder nor lower than his knee.

Rule 18. A **Fair Ball** is a ball delivered by the Pitcher, while wholly within the lines of his position and facing the Batsman, with his arm swinging nearly perpendicular by his side and his hand passing below his waist, and the ball passing over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 19. An **Unfair Ball** is a ball delivered by the Pitcher as in Rule 18, **except** that the ball does

not pass over the Home Base, or does not pass over the Home Base at the height called for by the Batsman.

Rule 20. A Balk is

(1) A motion made by the Pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat without delivering it, **except** the ball be accidentally dropped, or

(2) The ball be held by the Pitcher so long as to delay the game unnecessarily, or

(3) Delivered to the bat by the Pitcher when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of his position.

Rule 21. A Foul Balk is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher by an overhand throw, or by any swing of the arm or hand other than that prescribed in Rule 18.

Rule 22. A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the Pitcher, that touches the Batsman's bat without being struck at, or any part of the Batsman's person while standing in his position, or any part of the Umpire's person without first passing the Catcher.

Rule 23. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the First Base, the Third Base, the person of a player, or any other object, in front of or on either of the Foul Lines; or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls within the Foul Lines between Home and First or Home and Third Bases without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 24. A Foul Hit is a ball batted by the Batsman, standing in his position, that first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, behind either of the Foul Lines, or (*Exception*) batted directly to the ground by the Batsman, standing in his position, that (whether it first touches Foul or Fair Ground) bounds or rolls outside the Foul Lines, be-

tween Home and First, or Home and Third Bases, without first touching the person of a player.

Rule 25. A Strike is

(1) A ball struck at by the Batsman without it touching his bat, or

(2) A ball legally delivered by the Pitcher at the height called for by the Batsman, and over the Home Base, but not struck at by the Batsman.

Rule 26. A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the Batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the Batsman's position.

Rule 27. Play is the order of the Umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

Rule 28. Time is the order of the Umpire to suspend play. Such suspension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

Rule 29. Game is the announcement by the Umpire that the game is terminated.

Rule 30. An Inning is the turn at bat of the nine players representing a Club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out as provided in these Rules.

Rule 31. A time at bat is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position, and continues until he is put out or becomes a base runner.

Rule 32. Legal, or Legally, signifies as required by these rules.

CLASS IV.

THE GAME.

Rule 33. A Game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that:

(1) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(2) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings

scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall then terminate.

(3) If the score be a tie at the end of nine innings to each side, play shall only be continued until the side first at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side, in an equal number of innings; or until the other side shall score one more run than the side first at bat.

(4) If the Umpire calls "game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed by both sides, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, **unless** the side second at bat shall have scored one or more runs than the side first at bat, in which case the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

Rule 34. A Drawn Game shall be declared by the Umpire when he terminates a game, on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; but (*Exception*) if the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, the Umpire shall declare the game drawn, without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

Rule 35. A Forfeited Game shall be declared by the Umpire, in favor of the Club not in fault, in the following cases:

(1) If the Nine of a Club fail to appear upon the Field, or, being upon the Field, fail to begin the game, within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of a game.

(2) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, **unless** such game has been suspended or terminated by the Umpire.

(3) If, after play has been suspended by the Umpire, one side fails to resume playing within five minutes after the Umpire has called "Play."

(4) If the Umpire calls three Foul Balks in one

inning, and has warned the Pitcher of the penalty after the second Foul Balk and before the third is called.

(5) If, in the opinion of the Umpire, any one of these Rules is willfully violated.

Rule 36. "No Game" shall be declared by the Umpire if he shall terminate play, on account of rain or darkness, before five innings on each side are completed.

Rule 37. A Substitute shall not be allowed to take the place of any player in a game, after the commencement of the second inning of the side first at bat, unless such player be disabled, in the game then being played, by reason of illness or injury.

Rule 38. The Choice of First Innings shall be determined by the two Captains.

Rule 39. The Game must begin when the Umpire calls "Play." When he calls "Time," play shall be suspended until he calls "Play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. The Umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player, or in case rain falls so heavily that, in his opinion, the game cannot fairly proceed, in which case he shall note the time of suspension, and, should such rain continue to fall thirty minutes thereafter, he shall terminate the game. The Umpire shall also declare every "dead ball," "foul hit," "foul strike," "balk" and "foul balk," and after declaring the second "foul balk" in one inning shall warn the Pitcher of the penalty prescribed by Rule 35, (4.)

Rule 40. The Batsman, on taking his position, must call for a "high ball," a "low ball," or a "high or low ball," and the Umpire shall notify the Pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered. The Umpire shall count and call every "unfair ball" delivered by the Pitcher, and every "foul balk" and "dead ball" if also an "unfair ball" as a "ball;

and he shall also count and call every "strike," except that, after two strikes have been called, should the Batsman fail to strike at the next fair ball, the Umpire shall omit the count in that instance only, but shall warn the Batsman by calling "good ball." Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be called or counted until the ball has passed the Home Base.

Rule 41. The Batsman is out

(1) If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper Batsman takes his position before a fair hit has been made.

(2) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the Umpire has called for the Batsman.

(3) If he makes a foul hit and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or after touching the ground but once, provided it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than the fielder before touching the ground or before being caught.

(4) If he makes a foul strike.

(5) If he plainly attempts to hinder the Catcher from catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

Rule 42. The Batsman becomes a Base Runner

(1) When he makes a fair hit.

(2) When eight balls have been called by the Umpire.

(3) When three strikes have been declared by the Umpire.

Rule 43. The Base Runner must touch each Base in regular order, viz: First, Second, Third, and Home Bases, and when obliged to return must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order, or

has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding Base-Runner.

Rule 44. The Base-Runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take one Base, provided he do so on the run, in the following cases:

(1) If, while he was Batsman, the Umpire called eight balls.

(2) If the Umpire awards a succeeding Batsman a base on eight balls, and the Base-Runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

(3) If the Umpire calls a Balk.

(4) If a ball delivered by the Pitcher pass the Catcher and touch any fence or building within ninety feet of the Home Base.

(5) If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

(6) If a Fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his dress.

(7) If a batted or thrown ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, and, in such case, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the Pitcher standing in his position.

Rule 45. The Base-Runner may have a Substitute run for him, in case of illness or injury incurred in the game then being played, provided he has reached First Base, and in such case, the oppsing Captain shall select such substitute from the side at bat.

Rule 46. The Base-Runner is out

(1) If, having made a fair hit while Batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a Fielder, before touching the ground or any object other than a Fielder, provided it be not caught in the Fielder's hat or cap.

(2) If, when the Umpire has declared three strikes on him while Batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a Fielder before touching the ground; provided it be not caught in a Fielder's hat

or cap, or touch some object other than a Fielder before being caught.

(3) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder before such Base-Runner touches First Base.

(4) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a Fielder, while touching First Base with any part of his person, before such Base-Runner touches First Base.

(5) If, after three strikes, eight balls, or a fair hit, he fails to *run* to First Base.

(6) If, in running to First Base, he runs inside the Foul Line or more than three feet outside of it, *except* that he must do so if necessary to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, and in such case shall not be declared out.

(7) If, in running from First to Second Base, from Second to Third Base, or from Third to Home Base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a Fielder; *but* in case a Fielder be occupying the Base-Runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the Base-Runner shall run out of the path and behind said Fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(8) If he fails to avoid a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner prescribed in (6) and (7) of this Rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a Fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

(9) If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball be held by the Fielder after touching him; *but (exception as to First Base)* in running to First Base he may over-run said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. © If, in overrunning First Base, he also at-

tempts to run to Second Base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(10) If, when a Fair or Foul Hit ball is legally caught by a Fielder before it touches the ground, such ball is legally held by a Fielder on the base occupied by the Base-Runner when such ball was struck (or the Base-Runner be touched with the ball in the hand of a Fielder), before he retouches said base after such Fair or Foul Hit Ball was so caught; provided, That the Base-Runner shall not be out in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the Pitcher before the Fielder holds it on the said base or touches the Base-Runner with it.

(11) If, when the ball, from a Foul Hit, has struck the ground before being caught, or the Batsman has made a Foul Strike, the Base-Runner fails to retouch the base held by him when the ball was struck, after such ball has been returned to and held by the Pitcher standing in his position; provided, That, after the Batsman makes such Foul Hit or Foul Strike, the Base-Runner may return to said base without being declared out, if he do so on the run.

(12) If, when a Batsman becomes a Base-Runner, [*except as provided in Rule 43*], the First Base, or the First and Second Bases, or the First, Second and Third Bases, be occupied, any Base-Runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out, and may be put out at the next base or by being touched by the ball in the hand of a Fielder in the same manner as in running to First Base, at any time before the Base-Runner running to First Base is put out.

(13) If a Fair Hit ball strike him he shall be declared out, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced, and no run be scored.

(14) If, when running to a base or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 42; provided, That he shall not be declared out unless the Cap-

tain of the fielding side claim such decision before the ball is delivered to the bat by the Pitcher.

Rule 47. The Umpire shall declare the Batsman or Base-Runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these Rules, *except* as provided in Rule 46, (10) and (14).

Rule 48. When a Dead Ball is declared by the Umpire, no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored on such ball, unless such ball be also the eighth Unfair Ball, that entitles the striker to a base, in which case the striker shall take First Base, and any Base-Runner thereby forced to vacate a base shall take one base without being put out, and if a base thus taken be the Home Base the run shall be scored.

Rule 49. One Run shall be scored every time a Base Runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the Home Base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching First Base, a run shall not be scored.

Rule 50. If the Pitcher causes the ball to strike the Batsman, and the Umpire be satisfied that he does it intentionally, he shall fine the Pitcher therefor in a sum not less than Ten Dollars nor more than Fifty Dollars.

Rule 51. No Player, except the Captain or his assistant, shall address the Umpire concerning any point of play, and any violation of this Rule shall subject the offender to a fine by the Umpire.

Rule 52. No Manager, Captain or Player shall address the audience during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

Rule 53. No person not engaged in the game shall be permitted to occupy any position within

the lines of the Field, or to interfere in any way with the Umpire or the players during the progress of a game.

CLASS V.

THE UMPIRE.

Rule 54. The Umpire shall be selected as follows:

(1) Two clubs may, by mutual agreement, select any man to umpire any game or games, provided that such agreement be in writing, and the man so selected agrees not less than seven days before such game, or the first of such games, to act as such Umpire.

(2) A staff of League Umpires shall be selected in the following manner: Prior to April 1st of each year, each club shall send to the Secretary the names of any persons of good repute and considered competent to act as Umpires. A list of all persons so nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary and submitted to each club, which shall then select therefrom a number equal to three times the number of clubs then in the League, and shall transmit a list thereof to the Secretary, and the required number having the greatest number of approvals shall constitute the staff of League Umpires.

The Board shall fill any vacancy caused by declinations, and shall appoint an Umpire to replace any that may be objected to in writing by three League clubs after the commencement of the championship season.

(3) In the absence of the agreement provided for in Sec. 1 of this Rule, the Visiting Club shall, not less than five days before any Championship Game, submit by telegraph to the President or Secretary of the Home Club the names of seven League Umpires, none of whom shall reside in the city of the Visiting Club. The Home Club shall then be charged with the duty of producing one of the seven so named upon the grounds in season for the game.

(4) In case the Visiting Club shall have failed to

furnish the seven names as provided in Sec. 3, *the Home Club shall select an Umpire for such game*; and in case the Visiting Club shall have furnished the seven names, as provided in Sec. 3, and the Home Club fails to produce one of the Umpires so named, within fifteen minutes before the hour appointed for the game, *the Visiting Club shall select the Umpire*, who shall not be an employe of the Visiting Club.

Rule 55. The Umpire's Duties, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are

(1) Before the commencement of a Match Game, the Umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the Captain of the Home Club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and, if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these Rules. He shall also ascertain whether the fence in the rear of the Catcher's position is distant ninety feet from the Home Base.

(2) The Umpire shall not reverse his decision on any point of play upon the testimony of any player engaged in the game.

(3) Should the Umpire be unable to see whether a catch has been fairly made, he shall be at liberty to appeal to the bystanders, and to render his decision accordingly.

(4) In case the Umpire imposes a fine on a player, or declares a game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the Secretary of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter.

Rule 56. The Visiting Club shall pay the fee and expenses of the Umpire of any championship game.

Rule 57. The Umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a Match Game, except for reason of illness or injury, or by the consent of the

Captains of the two contesting Nines, in case he shall have willfully violated any of these Rules.

Rule 58. Any League Umpire who shall be convicted of selling, or offering to sell, a game of which he is Umpire, shall, thereupon, be removed from his official capacity, and placed under the same disabilities inflicted on expelled players by the Constitution of the League.

Rule 59. The Umpire's Jurisdictions and Powers, in addition to those specified in the preceding Rules, are:

The gentleman selected to fill the position of Umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, and compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the Rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear such decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the Fielders are in their places.

The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the Field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any Fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the Home Base is reserved for the exclusive use of the Umpire, Catcher and Batsman, and the Umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball

is in the hands of or passing between the Pitcher or Catcher while standing in their positions.

The Umpire is master of the Field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than five or more than fifty dollars for each offense, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the Umpire, audience or other player, and when the Umpire shall have so punished the player, he shall not have the power to revoke or remit the penalty so inflicted.

The Umpire shall, at once, notify the Captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, upon receipt of a notice of said fine from the Secretary of the League, within ten days, transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

CLASS VI.

SCORING.

Rule 60. In Order to Promote Uniformity in Scoring Championship Games, the following instructions, suggestions, and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers of League Clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Sec. 10, Article XII. of the League Constitution in accordance therewith.

Batting.

(1) The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

(2) In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

(3) In the third column should be placed the first base hits made by each player. A base hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion; but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches First Base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a Fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man.

(4) In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total bases run during the game. In scoring "bases run" where a player has reached first base as the result of the putting out of another player, such first base shall not be credited to the striker as one of the bases run by him.

Fielding.

(5) The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the Umpire for a foul strike, or because he struck out of his turn, the put-out shall be scored to the Catcher.

(6) The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher when a Batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

An assist should be given to the Pitcher in each case where the Batsman is declared out for making a foul strike or striking out of turn.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a

play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

(7) In the seventh column should be placed the "total chances offered" to retire players, which should include each perfect play, as well as each misplay or failure to accept a chance to retire a batsman or base runner. "Chances offered" should not include "passed balls," "called balls," or "wild pitches." In scoring "chances offered" off batted balls, see Sec. 3 of this Article.

CLASS VII.

CONSTRUCTION AND AMENDMENTS.

Rule 61. No Section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the Constitution of the League.

Rule 62. No Amendment or change of any of these Rules shall be made, except in the manner provided in the Constitution of the League.

LEAGUE MEETINGS.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE
BALL CLUBS, HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO,
N. Y., MONDAY, SEPT. 29, 1879.

Present, Mr. W. A. HULBERT, Chairman, and
MESSRS. J. F. EVANS and HENRY T. ROOT, Directors.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Edward Nolan, whose expulsion by the
Indianapolis Base Ball Association, of Indianapolis,
Ind., for violation of contract with said association, was
approved by the Board of Directors of the National
League by a resolution adopted, has made formal ap-
plication to this Board for a rehearing in his case, and

Whereas, it never appeared or was proven that the
said Edward Nolan was guilty of throwing or selling
games, or any dishonorable action of that nature, but
has, in those respects, sustained a good character and
now sincerely repents of the conduct which resulted
in his expulsion, therefore

Resolved, That the said Edward Nolan shall be
eligible to play in or against any League or League
Alliance Club on and after this date, Sept. 29, 1879.

(Signed)

W. A. HULBERT,

Chairman.

HENRY T. ROOT, }
J. F. EVANS, } *Directors.*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO, N. Y., MONDAY, SEPT. 29, 1879.

Present, W. A. Hulbert, representing the Chicago Ball Club.

Jno. B. Sage, representing the Buffalo Association.

Henry T. Root, representing the Providence Association.

J. F. Evans, representing the Cleveland Association.

A. H. Soden, representing the Boston Association.

Gardner Earl and C. R. DeFreest, representing the Troy City Association.

Meeting called to order by the President at 10 A. M.

On motion the reading of the minutes of previous meetings were dispensed with.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That all players engaged in this association during the season of 1880 shall be charged thirty dollars (\$30) each for the uniforms furnished them by their club, and that each player shall be required to keep the same clean and in good repair; also, that while absent traveling during the season of 1880 the sum of fifty cents *per diem* shall be deducted from each player's salary.

2. *Resolved*, That in the event of the dissolution of the existing Cincinnati Base Ball Club, the annual meeting to occur in December, 1879, be held at Niagara Falls.

3. *Resolved*, That the contract season for 1880 and subsequent years shall be for the term of seven months, beginning April 1, and ending Oct. 31 in each year.

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Association be and he is hereby instructed to accept as valid two contracts entered into by the Cleveland Club, one by the Chicago Club and two by the Troy Club, prior to this date, all with non-League players.

5. *Resolved*, That all previous action relative to the date of the engagement of players for 1880, fixed at

the last meeting of this Association, be reconsidered, to take effect Oct. 1, 1879.

On motion adjourned to meet at 5:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 P. M., and proceeded to the consideration of the following agreement, which was duly signed, after which adjourned to meet on the following day:

AGREEMENT AS TO CONTRACTS.

The undersigned Associations, members of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, do hereby agree each with the others that in contracting with players for the season of 1880, and for subsequent years, we will, in every instance, make use of the form of contract that is attached hereto, and now, with this agreement, filed with the Secretary of the League. No contract shall be made with any player except in the form now agreed upon, nor shall the form be modified or changed in the case of any player or of any club. Each of the subscribing clubs pledges itself to vote, at the next annual meeting of the League, in favor of an amendment to Section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of the League, which shall render that section, as so amended, conformable to this agreement. It is further agreed that in all contracts to be made hereafter with any player, the term of service in any one year shall be for seven months, beginning April 1st, and ending Oct. 31st.

And in no case shall wages be paid to any player on account of his contract before the same shall have been earned by him, except so far as money may be needed by him to pay his expenses from his home to join his club in the spring.

Every contract, so to be made by each club, with each of its players, shall, after its execution by the parties to it, be forwarded to the Secretary of the League.

If the Secretary shall find the contract to be in the prescribed form, he shall endorse upon it the date of

its reception by him, and shall enter the date of its receipt and the names of the parties to it in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall then return the contract to the club from which he shall have received it. In no case shall the Secretary notify other League clubs of such contract as provided in Section 2 of Article XI of the Constitution, or act upon the contract, until he shall have found it to be in proper form as herein agreed.

Dated at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1879. (*Signed*)

THE CHICAGO BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert President.

THE BOSTON BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By A. H. Soden, President.

THE BUFFALO BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Jno. B. Sage, President.

THE CLEVELAND BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By J. F. Evans, President.

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By H. T. Root, President.

THE TROY CITY BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Gardner Earl, President.

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By W. A. Hulbert, Delegated.

DEC. 4. 1879.

THE NEW CINCINNATI BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By O. P. Caylor, Delegate.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30, 1879.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M.

Mr. John B. Sage was duly elected a League Director to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Howard G. White.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(*Signed*)

W. A. HULBERT,

President.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS
HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO, N. Y., WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3, 1879.

The meeting was called to order at 11 A. M.

Present, Mr. W. A. Hulbert, Chairman, Messrs. Root, Evans and Sage, Directors. Mr. A. H. Soden, of Boston, was duly elected a Director to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of J. M. W. Neff.

The Secretary presented a tabular statement of championship games won and lost during the season of 1879, showing the Providence Club to have won the greatest number. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Providence Base Ball Association, of Providence, R. I., having won the greatest number of games in the Championship series is hereby awarded the Championship of the United States for the year 1880.

The report of the Treasurer was received and accepted.

The application of the Cincinnati Base Ball Association for League membership, was received and referred to Messrs. Root, Sage and Evans, who report favorably on their admission.

The application of the National Base Ball Club, of Washington, D. C., was received and referred to Messrs. Soden, Evans and Root.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

(1.) *Resolved*, That the Syracuse Base Ball Association, of Syracuse, N. Y., has forfeited its membership in this League.

(2.) *Resolved*, That the resignation of the Cincinnati Base Ball Association of date October 24, 1879, be placed on file.

(3.) *Resolved*, That the game which should have been played between the Cincinnati and Chicago Clubs, in Cincinnati, Aug. 13, 1879, be declared forfeit-

ed to the Chicago Club and counted as a game won by the said Chicago Club by a score of nine runs to none.

The Secretary presented a communication from Mr. Alex. McKinnon, who asked for a removal of disabilities caused by his expulsion from the Troy City Base Ball Association. On motion the appeal of Mr. McKinnon was denied.

Mr. W. H. Craver also made application for a removal of disabilities caused by his expulsion from the Louisville Base Ball Club. On motion the appeal of Mr. Craver was denied.

Mr. N. E. Young was re-elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned.

(Signed,) W. A. HULBERT,
Chairman.

J. F. EVANS,
HENRY T. ROOT,
A. H. SODEN,
JNO. B. SAGE, } *Directors.*

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS, HELD AT PIERCE'S HOTEL, BUFFALO, N. Y., WEDNESDAY DEC. 3, A. D. 1879.

Meeting called to order by the President at 12 M., and, on motion, adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Meeting called to order by the President at 2 P. M.

The following named gentlemen presented their credentials as the representatives of their respective clubs:

W. A. Hulbert and A. G. Spalding, representing the Chicago Ball Club.

A. H. Soden and Harry Wright, representing the Boston B. B. Association.

E. B. Smith and John B. Sage, representing the Buffalo B. B. Association.

J. F. Evans, representing the Cleveland B. B. Club.

H. T. Root, representing the Providence B. B. Association.

Gardner Earl and C. R. DeFreest, representing the Troy City B. B. Association.

On motion the order of business was changed as follows:

1. Reading minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Election of New Members.
4. Amendment of Constitution.
3. Amendment of Playing Rules.
5. Election of Officers.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and, on motion, accepted.

On motion, the report of the Board of Directors was received and adopted.

The Cincinnati Base Ball Association was unanimously elected a member of the League, and Messrs. Justus Thorner and O. P. Caylor were duly admitted as the representatives of that organization.

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Constitution, which, as amended, were adopted as follows: (*See Constitution.*)

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, pending the consideration of which, on motion adjourned to meet on the following day:

THURSDAY, DEC. 4, A. D. 1879.

Meeting called to order by the President at 10 A. M. and resumed the consideration of amendments to the Playing Rules, which, as amended, were adopted as follows: (*See Playing Rules.*)

Election of officers being the next business in order Mr. W. A. Hulbert was unanimously re-elected as President of the League.

The following named gentlemen were selected, with

the President, to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, namely: A. H. Soden, Jno. B. Sage, J. F. Evans, and Justus Thorner.

The committee on the conditional application of the National B. B. Club of Washington, D. C., reported that they were not prepared to report upon the conditions contained in said application.

On motion, the report of the committee was received, and the committee discharged.

On motion, the application of the National Club was laid on the table.

On motion, the communications of the Albany and Worcester Clubs were placed on file.

Mr. Smith offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Club of this Association be permitted to have the exclusive right to regulate its own rate of admission to games played on its own grounds.

Lost.

Mr. De Freest offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the uniform price of admission to all League Championship contests be fixed at fifty cents; but it is hereby tacitly agreed and understood that such members as desire may sell commutation tickets upon such terms as may be agreeable to the members desiring to effect such sale.

Resolved, That this resolution be entered upon the minutes but be not promulgated in the official publication of the Association.

Lost.

Messrs. Hulbert and Soden were constituted a committee to prepare a schedule for the season of 1880.

On motion the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

On motion a committee was appointed to confer with manufacturers present in relation to furnishing balls. The committee reported in favor of the *Spalding League Ball*, and the Secretary was instructed to make contract with A. G. Spalding & Bros., of Chicago,

Ill., for furnishing the necessary number for the use of League clubs during the year 1880.

On motion the application of the National Club was taken from the table. Owing to the conditions contained in the said application being contrary to the League Constitution, the said National Club was granted leave to withdraw the same.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the League tender to Mr. A. G. Mills, of Chicago, Ills., a vote of thanks in recognition of his valuable assistance to the President of the League in the re-arrangement and improvement of the Playing Rules as adopted by the League at this meeting.

It was moved and seconded that the next annual meeting of the League be held in New York City, and that the selection of the hotel be left in the hands of the President. Carried.

On motion, the President was empowered to reconvene this meeting prior to April 1, 1880.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to pay to Mr. L. H. Mahn, the defaulted bill of the Milwaukee B. B. Club, amounting to \$15.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. W. A. Hulbert for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the League.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 10 A. M., on the following day.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 1879.

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M.

No further business appearing on motion adjourned.

(Signed,) W. A. HULBERT, *President*.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

SPECIAL LEAGUE MEETING.

FEB. 26, 1880.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE OSBORN HOUSE, ROCHESTER, N. Y., FEB. 26, 1880, AT 10:30 A. M.

The Board of Directors, on the question of the interpretation of Section 2 Article 3, of the League Constitution, rules that the population within the territorial limits prescribed in Sec. 8, Art. 5, determine the eligibility of the applicant.

On the declaration of Mr. Robert Ferguson, who appeared and presented credentials as a delegate from the Troy City B. B. Association, that he was not under contract or engagement with it as a ball player it was voted by the Board of Directors that he was eligible to sit as a delegate from said Troy City B. B. Association. On motion adjourned.

(Signed)

W. A. HULBERT,

Chairman.

J. F. EVANS,

A. H. SODEN,

JUSTUS THORNER,

JNO. B. SAGE,

} *Directors.*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL B. B. CLUBS HELD AT THE OSBORN HOUSE, ROCHESTER, N. Y., THURSDAY, FEB. 26, 1880.

Meeting called to order by President Hulbert at 12 M. Present:

W. A. HULBERT,

Representing the Chicago Ball Club.

ROBT. FERGUSON,

Representing the Troy City B. B. Ass'n.

FREEMAN BROWN,

Representing the Worcester B. B. Ass'n.

A. H. SODEN and HARRY WRIGHT,

Representing the Boston B. B. Ass'n.

HENRY T. ROOT,

Representing the Providence B. B. Ass'n.

JNO. B. SAGE and E. B. SMITH,
Representing the Buffalo B. B. Ass'n.

JUSTUS THORNER and O. P. CAYLOR,
Representing the Cincinnati B. B. Ass'n.

J. F. EVANS,
Representing the Cleveland B. B. Ass'n.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the possibility of any club now a member of the League, forfeiting its membership by disbandment, or inability from any cause to play out the games as per schedule, a committee consisting of Messrs. Hulbert and Evans are hereby appointed and fully empowered to arrange with any club in good standing to take the place so vacated by the retiring club under certain conditions and obligations to be fixed by said committee; and *Provided* that such an arrangement does not confer membership on said club, so appointed, nor involve any change in the season schedule of games as fixed.

On motion of Mr. Smith, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the League be and is hereby instructed to furnish each League club with a book made up of blanks in duplicate, similar to annexed form, for the purpose of carrying out more effectually the provisions of the business agreement in force between the members of the Association relative to statement to be forwarded to the proper officer of the visiting club, and that, at the conclusion of every game, said blank, properly filled, shall be forwarded to the President or Secretary of said visiting club.

On motion, a recess of ninety minutes was taken.

Meeting called to order at 3 P. M. Mr. E. B. Smith in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Hulbert, it was voted that the chairman appoint a committee of two, who are author-

ized and empowered to enter into contract for not less than 8,000 show bills to be used in advertising base ball games. The chairman appointed Messrs. Hulbert and Sage as such committee.

On motion, a recess of one hour was taken.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 P. M. by the President. The following umpires were duly elected to complete the list for 1880, namely: Messrs. Scofield, Tilden, Murphy, Sullivan, Lynch, Libby, Wilbur, Waterman and Riley. (See complete list of League umpires for 1880.)

A communication was received from Mr. P. I. Earle, Secretary Dubuque B. B. Club, inviting League clubs to visit their city and play the Dubuque club during the season of 1880. The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Earle that the League clubs would be pleased to avail themselves of their liberal offer whenever it was possible or convenient to do so.

Propositions from the proprietors of hotels in the different League cities, offering special rates, etc., were received and duly considered.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 A. M. on the following day.

ADDRESS TO PLAYERS.

The following address to the base ball players of the League was presented by President Hulbert and unanimously adopted:

.....1880.

Mr.....

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The.... Base Ball Club of..... desires to bring to your notice, as a playing member under engagement to this Club, and to urge upon your careful and thoughtful attention, the following ADDRESS TO THE PLAYERS OF LEAGUE CLUBS, drafted and formally adopted by the League, at a Special Meeting held in the City of Rochester, N. Y., on the 25th day of February, 1880:

DISCIPLINE AND PENALTIES.

In view of the various new and important features introduced into League legislation, touching the relation of players to their clubs, it seems eminently wise and proper that a statement be made concerning the intention and effect of the alterations and amendments in question, in order that there shall be a distinct understanding as to the rights, responsibilities, and duties of both players and clubs. The purpose actuating the members of the League in thus drawing more tightly the reins of discipline has been simply and solely the carrying out, in letter and spirit, of that clause in the League Constitution wherein it is declared that the objects of the League are, among other things, "to protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players." That the amended code of the League for 1880 is directly in the line of this object, will indisputably appear after a careful survey of the situation in its altered aspects. The effect of the new penalties and system of discipline, prescribed by the League, will be, primarily, to hold to a stricter accountability than heretofore that class of players who are in need of some powerful restraining influence to help them guard against a tendency toward intemperance and excess. It is best to be plain and unequivocal in this matter, and to waste no words in coming to the point—which is, that hereafter it is not proposed to permit or tolerate drunkenness or bummerism in the playing members of League Clubs. It is not designed to interfere with the personal liberty of any player, by the imposition of foolish and impracticable restrictions upon his conduct while off the ball field, further than to require that he shall not disgrace his club and his avocation by scandalous and disreputable practices. A player's habits and deportment when not before the public in his professional capacity are matters which himself alone can regulate by the light of his interests and his conscience. Every

ball player is competent to see for himself that intemperance is a two-edged sword in the hands of an adversary—cutting one way in the loss of the money he spends in the gratification of his appetite for liquor; cutting the other way in the loss of standing in his profession. Who does not know that the ball players in America receiving the highest compensation for their services are they who are scrupulously temperate and well-governed in their habits? There are players of the other class of a higher degree of skill, but who are handicapped in the matter of compensation and standing by a reputation for objectionable habits. The players receiving the highest salaries, by reason of their exemplary habits and consequent greater uniformity of skill and efficiency on the ball field, gain another advantage, the great value of which it is not easy to estimate. This is in respect of their reputation and standing before the whole world of base ball patrons. A player's reputation is not confined to any one city; it is well known and correctly gauged all over the country; and sobriety and gentlemanly conduct make firm friends, who will some day be of value and benefit to a player after he has, voluntarily, or by reason of some disabling injury, retired permanently from base ball. Instances of the value and advantage to a player of friendship and good will thus acquired could be multiplied indefinitely. There can be no two opinions on the subject of the importance to players of gaining for themselves such a reputation as will not only yield them present profit, but will insure them the respect and good will of the great public by which the game of base ball is supported, and thus put them in the way of future benefits and advantages, which the brilliant but unreliable player can never hope to realize.

As before stated, the direction of the latest League legislation is toward stricter discipline and more effectual pains and penalties for misconduct. Beginning with Section 1 of Article V, of the League Constitution, the power to *suspend* is additionally conferred upon

each club, for any act or deed of omission or commission by which a player's services to his club are impaired in their efficiency and value. The player *must render a full equivalent for his salary*; he *must* live up to his contract, or suffer the consequences of an infraction of such contract. Each player should not fail to read carefully, again and again, the language of his contract, which has been devised by the League to meet every known or imaginable exigency in the case, and the use of which contract is, by League law, made compulsory upon every club in the engagement of every player. The contract is printed in clear type, so that every player may read for himself, and understand fully, the obligation he is taking upon himself. The contract speaks for itself; its provisions are known to every player now under engagement in the clubs belonging to the League. It is with the new powers created for the enforcement of the contract that we now have to deal, and which we desire to bring to the notice of the players of the League, hoping thereby to bring about a fair understanding as to their rights and duties, and to secure their co-operation in the measures devised for the benefit alike of the honorable player, the honorable club management, and the honorable game of base ball.

In Section 5, Article V, the words "or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct" no longer appear; this cause is no longer sufficient to warrant expulsion, but is provided for in an entirely new section (Sec. 6), by which a club is not only empowered to punish or discipline a player for so much as remains of the season during which the offense was committed, but can go beyond that, beyond the life of its contract with that player, and suspend or disqualify him for *the whole of the ensuing season*, during which he is as absolutely shelved, disabled, annihilated, so far as playing in or against any League club is concerned, as though he had lost an arm or a leg. All this time he is not under salary, and is practically debarred from

earning a living at base ball. The causes for which this penalty of suspension may be imposed are, "*drunkenness, insubordination, or any dishonorable or disreputable conduct;*" and while the punishment may at first seem excessive, it will be recognized as a wholesome and reasonable restraint when its purpose and application are considered. Section 6 is designed to prevent that condition of demoralization into which players of the intemperate or insubordinate class relapse toward the close of the playing season, when their club has no longer any prospect of winning the championship, when their own bad conduct and bad play have rendered it certain that they will not be re-engaged in that club for the next year, and they have accordingly become reckless, defiant, and altogether unendurable to the club management. Very likely the player in question has overdrawn his salary, and for that reason is indifferent to the threat of suspension for the rest of the season, for he has drawn nearly all the money coming to him anyhow, and suspension has no terrors. But the extension of the penalty over into the next following playing season puts a different phase upon the case. He *must* render satisfactory service to his club during the whole time he is under contract, or, failing therein, he may be disqualified from play for the entire season succeeding. There need be no fear that a penalty so severe will be inflicted without just and ample cause. It is earnestly to be hoped it may never be inflicted, but its presence among the penalties authorized by the League Constitution cannot fail to prove a wholesome and beneficial restraint upon that class of ball players to meet whose case the law was devised.

Suitable provision has been made for the enforcement of all disciplinary or restrictive legislation, whether relating to clubs or players. Section 7, Article V, of the Constitution, imposes the penalty of forfeiture of membership in the League upon any club taking part in any game of ball on Sunday, or which shall

fail to immediately expel any man under contract with it, who shall take part in any such game, either as player, umpire, or scorer; while in Section 10, Article V, every League club is prohibited from playing in its nine a player who has been expelled or suspended from the League, and the League clubs are moreover forbidden to play any club employing or presenting in its nine a player under the ban of expulsion or suspension. And it is important to notice that the disciplining of a player for misconduct rests not alone with the club by which he is employed; on the contrary, such player may be expelled by the Board of Directors of the League, upon the complaint of another club (Sec. 1, Art. VIII), for a repetition of misconduct, even though his own club should decline to prosecute and impose the penalty. Further than this, the terms of the League contract constitute in themselves a direct and effectual means of holding the player to the same degree of accountability for the satisfactory character of the service rendered that is exacted by every business man at the hands of the persons in his employ. To this end, it is expressly stipulated in the League contract that the player may be suspended from play, *and from pay*, at any time when he shall be deemed by the club management to be disqualified from playing with the requisite skill, by reason of illness, injury, insubordination, or misconduct of any kind; or, whenever he shall, by the Captain or Manager of the nine, be considered as lacking in the zeal, willingness, or physical condition necessary to the rendering of satisfactory service as a ball player. As an inducement to every player to so regulate his habits and actions as to keep at all times in a sound and healthy condition, the League contract provides that there shall be no wages paid where no services are rendered; that for the period during which a player is suspended or excused from play, for any of the above mentioned reasons, he shall forfeit such a ratable proportion of his wages, for the season, as the number

of games not played in by him bears to the total number of games scheduled for the season. It cannot be denied that the placing of this power in the hands of club managers is a measure of necessary protection against habits of intemperance and their attendant evils of unsound physical condition, moral recklessness, loose play, and general demoralization. Experience has amply demonstrated the necessity for some plan of discipline that will reach the pocket as well as the pride of a player who deliberately and systematically falls short of the honorable discharge of his obligations toward the club and the patrons of base ball. The compensation paid to players in League clubs is so liberal as to entitle the clubs to the highest degree of skill and the best service a player can render, and it is the intention of the League to exact precisely this, and nothing less. There is not a condition or penalty prescribed in the League contract, constitution, or playing rules, that will work a hardship to any conscientious, earnest, deserving player. It is only players of the opposite character who will suffer, and it is their turn to suffer. The clubs have had more than their share of the pecuniary loss, the aggravation, annoyance and mortification caused by the state of affairs, which these conditions and penalties have been devised to correct. Justice to the players is a demand and obligation at all times recognized; justice to the club managers and stockholders, who have made good the deficiencies in the club treasuries, season after season; justice to the public, upon whose respect and patronage the clubs must depend for an existence; justice to the noble game of base ball, which it has been the constant aim of the League to elevate, perfect and popularize—these, and these alone, are the considerations which have influenced and brought about the League's latest legislation on the subject of discipline and penalties.

LEAGUE UMPIRES FOR 1880.

The following named gentlemen were appointed official League Umpires for 1880:

- X 1. B. F. Wade, No. 3 Case Building, Cleveland, O.
- 2. Jos. W. Young, No. 10 Larned Block, Syracuse, N. Y.
- 3. Wm. McLean, No. 713 N. 45th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 4. A. G. Pratt, No. 120 Monterey St., Allegheny, Pa.
- X 5. Chas. E. Davis, No. 17 Chestnut St., New Bedford, Mass.
- X 6. W. E. Stearns, Interior Department, Washington, D. C.
- X 7. R. B. Finch, Ithaca, N. Y.
- X 8. Jas. L. White, Corning, N. Y.
- X 9. Jno. W. Schofield, Troy, N. Y.
- 10. Geo. H. Bradley, No. 138 West Main St, Rochester, N. Y.
- 11. S. W. Nickerson, care of Brown & Van Slyck, Providence, R. I.
- 12. Chas. F. Daniels, No. 68 Sheldon St., Hartford, Conn.
- 13. Michael Walsh, No. 365 7th St., Louisville, Ky.
- 14. Al Barker, Rockford, Ill.
- 15. T. Gillian, London, Ontario.
- 16. Otis Tilden, Brockton, Mass.
- X 17. Henry Murphy, Lynn, Mass.
- X 18. John T. Lynch, Holyoke, Mass.
- X 19. Stephen Libby, Chelsea, Mass.
- 20. Dan'l F. Sullivan, No. 107 Siegel St., Chicago, Ill.
- 21. Chas. T. Wilbur, Troy, N. Y.
- 22. W. E. Furlong, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 23. Fred. Waterman, Cincinnati, O.
- 24. W. J. Riley, Cincinnati, O.

COPY OF AGREEMENT.

Agreement in relation to engagement of players for 1881.

The undersigned Associations, members of the National League of Professional B. B. Clubs, do hereby agree each with the others, that neither they nor any officer, member or agent of their respective organizations shall contract with, employ, engage, or negotiate with any player for services during the season of 1881, or subsequent seasons, prior to Oct. 23, 1880.

In testimony whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their names in the city of Rochester, this 26th day of February, 1880.

THE BOSTON B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By A. H. Soden, President.

THE PROVIDENCE B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By Henry T. Root, President.

THE BUFFALO B. B. CLUB,

By Jno. B. Sage, President.

THE WORCESTER B. B. CLUB,

By Freeman Brown, Delegate.

THE CINCINNATI B. B. CLUB,

By Justus Thorner, President.

THE CLEVELAND B. B. ASSOCIATION,

By J. F. Evans, President.

THE CHICAGO BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE TROY CITY B. B. ASSOCIATION,

*By Gardner Earl, President,
Per Robt. Ferguson.*

Feb. 27, 1880.—Meeting called to order at 9.30 A. M. The committee on schedule presented their report, which was adopted as follows. (See Schedule.) No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

W. A. HULBERT, *President.*

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

BUSINESS AGREEMENT FOR 1880.

1. The parties hereto agree that during the ball-playing season of 1880, in consideration of the advantages to each of a uniform business system, each club subscribing hereto shall pay to every other club subscribing hereto, for each championship game of ball in which such other club shall, as "visiting club," contest against it upon its own grounds, the sum of fifteen (15) cents for each and every person admitted to such grounds to witness such game, or any part thereof, or admitted to such grounds for any other purpose, prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of the contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, and ten (10) other persons. We further agree that, for the purposes of this agreement, it shall be sufficient for the visiting club to present its nine upon the grounds at the hour appointed, and prepared to play the game in the absence of rain.

2. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game, and such agent of the visiting club shall have the right to affix a seal to the register, or box, of such turnstile.

3. We further agree that we will pay for the services of the umpire five dollars per game, the visiting club to pay such fee, and also all expenses incurred in securing the attendance of such umpire.

4. We further agree not to play any game with any non-League club, upon the grounds of such non-

League club, except upon the following stipulations, additional to those prescribed in Art. XII, Sec. 6, of the League Constitution : The non League club shall pay the League club, for each game actually played, and immediately upon the termination of such game, one-half of the gross receipts of each game, or, the sum of one hundred dollars, as the League club may then prefer ; and the non-League club shall pay the League club fifty dollars in every case where a League club shall present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, and the game be prevented by rain, or any cause other than the refusal by such League club to play such game. In the event of the refusal or failure of any non-League club to pay the sum, or sums, due, as herein stipulated, the League club shall at once telegraph such fact to the Secretary of the League, who shall forthwith notify all other League clubs, by telegraph, and no League club shall thereafter play such defaulting club until the full amount due be paid the League club, which League club shall, in case of such payment, notify the Secretary, and he the other League clubs, by telegraph.

5. We further agree that, in any case not covered by Art. XII, Sec. 6, of the League Constitution, a League club having agreed to play a non-League club upon the grounds of the latter, and failing to present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, the League club shall pay the non-League club the sum of fifty dollars as the penalty of such default.

6. We further agree, each with the other, that at the conclusion of each League game we will cause an officer of our respective Associations to transmit to the proper officer of the club visiting club, at the place of its location, a statement of the receipts of said game.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their names at Buffalo, N. Y., this 4th day of December, A. D. 1879.

THE CHICAGO BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Henry T. Root, President.

THE CLEVELAND BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By J. F. Evans, President.

THE CINCINNATI STAR BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Justus Thorner, President.

THE BOSTON BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By A. H. Soden, President.

THE BUFFALO BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By John B. Sage, President.

THE TROY CITY BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Gardner Earl, President.

THE WORCESTER BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Charles B. Pratt, President.

AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO SCHEDULE.

It is hereby agreed and stipulated, by and between the Clubs, members of the National League, as witnessed by the signatures of their respective officers hereto subscribed, that the attached Schedule of Championship Games is adopted by them for the season of 1880, to be binding upon each and all of them under the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 8 and the 4th paragraph of Section of Article XII, of the Constitution of the National League, and that the several series of games between the respective Clubs, as set forth in said Schedule, shall be played within the dates therein specified (inclement weather, or unavoidable accident in traveling, or drawn or tie games excepted), it being understood that the particular day set for any game may be for good reasons changed by the mutual consent, in writing, of the two clubs to engage on that day; *Provided*, the change be made

to a day within the times specified for the particular series to which such game belongs. And the original copy of the said Schedule, bearing this endorsement, is to be filed with the Secretary of the National League, (who shall notify each League Club at once of such filing) and shall be made part of the records of the League, and this endorsement and filing shall be considered as a full compliance with the resolution in regard to Schedule of Games adopted at the meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 3, A. D. 1879.

Done at Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27, A. D. 1880.

THE CHICAGO BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE CLEVELAND BASE BALL CLUB,

By J. F. Evans, President.

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

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By Gardner Earl, President.

Per Robt. Ferguson.

THE WORCESTER BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Freeman Brown, Delegate.

SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES FOR 1880.

1880.	At Chicago.	At Cincinnati.	At Cleveland.	At Buffalo.	At Boston.	At Providence.	At Worcester.	At Troy.
Chicago.		May 1	July 10	May 25	May 29	June 4	June 16	June 10
		" 4	" 13	" 26	June 1	" 5	" 17	" 12
		" 5	" 14	" 27	" 2	" 8	" 19	" 14
		Sept. 14	Sept. 9	Sept. 4	Aug. 3	July 27	July 21	July 16
Cincinnati.		" 15	" 10	" 6	" 5	" 29	" 23	" 17
		" 16	" 11	" 7	" 7	" 31	" 24	" 20
	May 7		May 25	July 10	June 16	June 10	May 29	June 4
	" 8		" 26	" 13	" 17	" 12	June 1	" 5
Cleveland.	" 11		" 27	" 14	" 19	" 14	" 2	" 8
	Sept. 18		Sept. 4	Sept. 9	July 16	July 21	July 27	Aug. 3
	" 21		" 6	" 10	" 17	" 23	" 29	" 5
	" 22		" 7	" 11	" 20	" 24	" 31	" 7
Buffalo.	May 18	May 13		May 7	June 4	May 29	June 10	June 16
	" 20	" 14		" 8	" 5	June 1	" 12	" 17
	" 22	" 15		" 11	" 8	" 2	" 14	" 19
	Sept. 24	Sept. 28		Sept. 14	July 27	Aug. 3	July 16	July 21
Boston.	" 25	" 29		" 15	" 29	" 5	" 17	" 23
	" 27	" 30		" 16	" 31	" 7	" 20	" 24
	May 13	May 18	May 1		June 10	June 16	June 4	May 29
	" 14	" 20	" 4		" 12	" 17	" 5	" 31
Providence.	" 15	" 22	" 5		" 14	" 19	" 8	June 2
	Sept. 28	Sept. 24	Sept. 18		July 21	July 16	Aug. 3	July 27
	" 29	" 25	" 21		" 23	" 17	" 5	" 29
	" 30	" 27	" 22		" 24	" 20	" 7	" 31
Worcester.	July 1	July 5	June 26	June 22		May 1	May 14	May 24
	" 2	" 6	" 28	" 23		" 5	July 10	" 25
	" 3	" 8	" 29	" 24		" 20	" 14	" 27
	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 31	Aug. 24		Sept. 14	Sept. 14	Sept. 4
Troy City.	" 19	" 12	Sept. 1	" 26		" 16	" 25	" 6
	" 21	" 14	Sept. 2	" 28		" 18	" 27	" 7
	July 5	July 1	June 22	June 26	May 4		May 7	July 10
	" 6	" 2	" 23	" 28	" 18		" 11	" 13
Troy City.	" 8	" 3	" 24	" 29	" 22		" 26	" 14
	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Aug. 31	Aug. 24	Sept. 15		Sept. 28	Sept. 9
	" 12	" 19	" 26	Sept. 1	" 17		" 29	" 10
	" 14	" 21	" 28	" 2	" 22		" 30	" 11
Troy City.	June 26	June 22	July 1	July 5	May 13	May 8		May 18
	" 28	" 23	" 2	" 6	" 15	" 25		" 20
	" 29	" 24	" 3	" 8	July 13	" 27		" 22
	Aug. 24	Aug. 31	Aug. 10	Aug. 17	Sept. 9	Sept. 4		Sept. 18
Troy City.	" 26	Sept. 1	" 12	" 19	" 10	" 6		" 15
	" 28	" 2	" 14	" 21	" 11	" 7		" 16
	June 22	June 26	July 5	July 1	May 7	May 13	May 1	
	" 23	" 28	" 6	" 2	" 8	" 14	" 4	
Troy City.	" 24	" 29	" 8	" 3	" 11	" 15	" 5	
	Aug. 31	Aug. 24	Aug. 17	Aug. 10	Sept. 23	Sept. 24	Sept. 18	
	Sept. 1	" 26	" 19	" 12	" 29	" 25	" 21	
	" 2	" 28	" 21	" 14	" 30	" 27	" 22	

BATTING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in ten (10) or more Championship Games.

SEASON OF 1879.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Times reach'd 1st Base.	Percentage of times reached 1st base, per times at bat.
1	Anson	Chicago	49	221	41	0.83	90	.407	106	.479
2	Hines	Providence	84	406	81	0.96	145	.357	193	.475
3	O'Rourke, Jas	Providence	81	359	69	0.86	126	.351	180	.501
4	Kelly	Cincinnati	76	342	78	1.02	119	.348	165	.482
5	Gross	Providence	30	132	31	1.03	46	.348	68	.515
6	O'Rourke, Jn	Boston	70	316	69	0.98	108	.341	148	.468
7	White, J. L.	Cincinnati	77	330	55	0.71	109	.330	149	.451
8	Cogswell	Boston	49	236	51	1.04	76	.322	112	.474
9	Shaffer	Chicago	70	304	52	0.74	97	.319	132	.434
10	Start	Providence	65	317	70	1.08	101	.318	153	.482
11	Jones	Boston	83	355	85	1.02	112	.315	186	.524
12	Foley, C. J.	Boston	35	147	16	0.45	46	.312	63	.428
13	York	Providence	80	341	69	0.86	105	.307	156	.457
14	Dalrymple	Chicago	67	316	45	0.67	95	.300	127	.401
15	McVey	Cincinnati	80	351	61	0.80	105	.299	152	.433
16	Williamson	Chicago	77	314	65	0.84	94	.299	151	.480
17	Dickerson	Cincinnati	80	347	73	0.91	102	.294	146	.420
18	McGuinness	Syracuse	12	51	7	0.58	15	.294	18	.252
19	Farrell	Syracuse & Prov.	65	293	44	0.63	86	.293	118	.402
20	Flint	Chicago	75	310	43	0.57	90	.290	127	.409
21	Ward	Providence	82	362	71	0.86	104	.287	161	.444
22	Kennedy	Cleveland	47	193	19	0.40	55	.285	73	.378
23	Crowley	Buffalo	59	255	41	0.69	72	.282	101	.396
24	Wright	Providence	84	385	79	0.94	108	.281	170	.441
25	Morrill	Boston	84	348	56	0.66	98	.281	145	.416
26	Richardson	Buffalo	78	330	53	0.67	92	.278	127	.384
27	Hotaling	Cincinnati	80	366	63	0.78	102	.278	150	.409
28	McGeary	Providence	84	373	62	0.74	103	.276	160	.429
29	Brouthers	Troy City	39	168	17	0.43	46	.273	63	.375
30	Clapp, Aaron	Troy City	34	143	24	0.70	39	.272	58	.405
31	Eden	Cleveland	81	353	40	0.49	96	.272	132	.373
32	Phillips	Cleveland	81	365	58	0.71	99	.271	140	.383
33	Gore	Chicago	60	253	43	0.71	68	.268	98	.387
34	Brown	Chicago & Prov.	58	247	27	0.46	66	.267	98	.396
35	Dorgan	Syracuse	59	270	38	0.64	72	.266	99	.366
36	Walker	Buffalo	70	282	33	0.47	75	.266	113	.400
37	Fulmer	Buffalo	75	300	27	0.36	80	.266	111	.370
38	Hornung	Buffalo	78	319	46	0.59	85	.266	124	.388
39	Clapp, J. E.	Buffalo	67	286	45	0.67	76	.265	118	.412
40	Houc	Boston	80	355	68	0.85	94	.264	147	.414
41	Caskins	Troy City	67	297	31	0.46	77	.259	105	.353
42	Parcell	Syracuse & Cin.	74	321	42	0.58	83	.258	130	.405
43	Barnes	Cincinnati	75	320	54	0.72	82	.256	131	.409
44	Hall	Troy City	66	302	30	0.47	77	.255	109	.361
45	Nelson	Troy City	27	102	16	0.59	26	.255	45	.441

BATTING AVERAGES—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	N'mbr of Games Played.	Times at Bat.	Runs.	Average runs per Game.	1st Base Hits.	Percentage of Base Hits per Times at Bat.	Times reach'd 1st Base.	Percentage of times Reached 1st Base per Times at Bat.
36	Peters	Chicago	79	361	41	0.51	92	.254	121	.335
	Galvin	Buffalo	66	259	33	0.50	66	.254	90	.347
37	Ferguson	Troy City	29	119	18	0.62	30	.252	52	.437
	Remsen	Chicago	39	141	14	0.35	35	.248	47	.333
38	Sutton	Boston	84	338	54	0.64	84	.248	124	.366
	Bradley	Troy City	61	244	33	0.54	60	.245	86	.352
40	Warner	Cleveland	76	316	32	0.42	77	.243	122	.336
41	Mansell, Thos	Troy City	39	173	29	0.74	42	.242	64	.369
42	Burdock	Boston	84	358	64	0.76	86	.240	130	.362
	Carey	Cleveland	80	335	30	0.37	80	.238	122	.364
43	Bond	Boston	65	256	35	0.54	61	.238	95	.371
	Snyder	Boston	81	328	42	0.52	77	.234	107	.326
44	Riley	Troy City	61	232	17	0.27	54	.232	79	.340
46	Evans	Troy City	70	273	28	0.40	63	.230	94	.344
47	Hague	Providence	50	207	20	0.40	47	.227	67	.323
48	M'Cormick, H	Syracuse	55	227	21	0.38	51	.224	70	.309
49	Doscher	Troy City	46	188	16	0.34	42	.223	67	.356
	Larkin	Chicago	58	225	27	0.46	50	.222	81	.360
50	Burke	Cincinnati	27	117	13	0.48	26	.222	40	.341
51	Quest	Chicago	79	317	36	0.45	70	.220	107	.337
52	McCormick, J	Cleveland	75	282	34	0.45	62	.219	87	.308
	Taylor	Troy City	24	97	10	0.41	21	.216	38	.391
53	Creamer	Syracuse	15	60	3	0.20	13	.216	18	.300
	Macullar	Syracuse	63	244	24	0.38	52	.213	90	.368
54	Foley, W. B.	Cincinnati	55	216	22	0.40	46	.213	69	.319
	Richmond	Syracuse	61	251	31	0.50	53	.211	92	.366
55	Mansell, M. R.	Syracuse	66	241	24	0.36	51	.211	84	.348
	Force	Buffalo	78	311	36	0.46	65	.209	99	.318
56	Glasscock	Cleveland	80	325	31	0.38	68	.209	116	.357
	Eggler	Buffalo	77	312	40	0.52	65	.208	109	.349
57	Hawks	Troy City	63	247	24	0.38	51	.206	89	.360
59	Holbert	Syracuse	58	226	11	0.19	46	.203	76	.336
60	Carpenter	Syracuse	63	258	30	0.47	52	.201	96	.372
	Mathews	Providence	42	170	25	0.59	34	.200	67	.394
61	Hawes	Boston	37	155	19	0.51	31	.200	52	.335
62	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	78	311	22	0.28	62	.199	96	.308
63	Hankinson	Chicago	41	158	13	0.31	29	.183	45	.284
64	McGungile	Buffalo	46	166	22	0.47	30	.180	48	.289
65	Strief	Cleveland	71	264	24	0.33	46	.174	83	.314
66	Gilligan	Cleveland	52	205	20	0.38	35	.170	65	.317
67	Allen	Syracuse & Cle'd	27	109	15	0.55	18	.165	28	.262
68	Woodhead	Syracuse	33	128	3	0.09	21	.164	36	.281
69	Mitchell	Cleveland	30	109	11	0.36	16	.146	25	.229
70	Riley	Cleveland	43	161	14	0.32	23	.142	40	.248
71	White, W. H.	Cincinnati	75	292	28	0.37	40	.137	71	.243
72	Shoup	Troy City	10	41	5	0.50	4	.097	10	.244
73	Salisbury	Troy City	10	36	3	0.30	2	.055	7	.194

SEASON OF 1879.

Fielding averages of players who have taken part in ten or more Championship Games.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Anson	Chicago	49	602	8	16	626	.974
2	Start	Providence	64	779	11	22	812	.973
3	Morrill	Boston	33	313	16	11	340	.967
4	Coggswell	Boston	49	539	10	19	568	.966
5	Riley	Troy City	10	109	1	4	114	.965
6	Dorgan	Syracuse	21	199	8	10	217	.954
7	Phillips	Cleveland	71	719	22	36	777	.953
8	Jas. O'Rourke	Providence	19	230	1	11	232	.952
9	McVey	Cincinnati	70	730	3	41	774	.947
9	Carpenter	Syracuse	32	293	10	17	320	.947
10	Walker	Buffalo	70	811	29	48	883	.946
11	Aaron Clapp	Troy City	24	262	4	19	285	.933
12	McGuinness	Syracuse	12	113	3	9	125	.923
13	Brouthers	Troy City	37	406	6	33	445	.925
14	Remsen	Chicago	10	125	4	11	140	.921

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Quest	Chicago	79	246	319	45	610	.926
2	Glasscock	Cleveland	65	201	208	36	445	.919
3	Burdock	Boston	84	303	300	59	662	.910
4	Fulmer	Buffalo	74	260	286	55	601	.908
5	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	56	200	192	46	438	.895
6	Hawks	Troy City	63	214	262	56	532	.894
7	McGeary	Providence	72	214	254	62	530	.883
8	Farrell	Syracuse and Providence	65	202	239	61	502	.878
9	Barnes	Cincinnati	14	47	43	15	105	.857
10	Strief	Cleveland	15	35	41	15	91	.835
11	Creamer	Syracuse	10	21	31	11	63	.825

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	McGeary	Providence	12	20	35	5	60	.916
2	Glasscock	Cleveland	15	32	30	7	69	.898
3	Morrill	Boston	51	70	96	23	189	.878
4	Williamson	Chicago	68	79	187	39	305	.872
5	Ward	Providence	10	16	26	7	49	.857
6	Richardson	Buffalo	77	82	148	42	272	.845
7	Gerhardt	Cincinnati	14	22	27	9	58	.844
7	Sutton	Boston	33	36	43	18	97	.844

THIRD BASEMEN.

(CONTINUED.)

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
8	Dorgan	Syracuse	11	14	20	7	41	.829
9	Warner	Cleveland	54	78	100	39	226	.827
10	Hague	Providence	50	53	122	23	213	.821
11	Kelly	Cincinnati	34	34	91	28	153	.817
12	Carpenter	Syracuse	17	33	26	14	73	.808
13	Ferguson	Troy City	24	29	55	20	104	.807
14	Doscher	Troy City	46	47	95	35	177	.802
15	Woodhead	Syracuse	33	52	51	27	130	.792
16	Foley	Cincinnati	26	38	44	22	104	.788
17	Allen	Cleveland and Syracuse.	22	44	32	22	98	.775

SHORT STOPS.

1	Wright	Providence	84	96	315	33	444	.926
2	Force	Buffalo	77	70	259	26	355	.926
3	Caskins	Troy City	41	42	163	23	228	.899
4	Sutton	Boston	51	53	167	29	249	.883
5	Richmond	Syracuse	27	51	67	17	135	.874
6	Carey	Cleveland	80	79	263	54	396	.863
7	Barnes	Cincinnati	61	95	209	52	356	.853
8	Peters	Chicago	79	92	263	66	421	.843
9	Nelson	Troy City	24	33	88	24	145	.834
10	Houck	Boston	33	47	86	28	161	.826
	Macullar	Syracuse	35	59	112	36	207	.826
	Burke	Cincinnati	19	28	53	22	103	.786

FIELDERS.

1	Jones	Boston	83	162	20	13	195	.933
2	Eggler	Buffalo	77	113	11	11	135	.918
3	McGungile	Buffalo	33	60	8	6	74	.918
4	Hankinson	Chicago	12	19	1	2	22	.909
5	Strief	Cleveland	56	105	7	12	124	.903
6	York	Providence	80	114	9	14	137	.897
7	Macullar	Syracuse	24	68	6	9	83	.891
8	Evans	Troy City	70	148	30	23	201	.885
9	John O'Rourke	Boston	70	147	10	21	178	.882
10	M. R. Mansell	Syracuse	66	202	11	29	242	.880
11	Richmond	Syracuse	33	76	7	12	95	.873
12	Remsen	Chicago	29	50	4	8	62	.871
13	Gore	Chicago	52	91	9	15	115	.869
14	Hines	Providence	84	145	24	26	195	.866
15	Riley	Cleveland	43	79	12	16	107	.850
16	Jas. McCormick	Cleveland	11	20	2	4	26	.846
17	Hornung	Buffalo	77	129	12	26	167	.844
	Hall	Troy City	66	125	18	27	170	.841

FIELDERS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
18	Warner.....	Cleveland.....	20	35	5	8	49	.836
19	Hotaling.....	Cincinnati.....	64	109	16	25	150	.833
20	Hawes.....	Boston.....	33	38	10	10	58	.827
21	Gilligan.....	Cleveland.....	23	32	6	8	46	.826
22	Houck.....	Boston.....	47	62	17	18	97	.814
23	Eden.....	Cleveland.....	79	101	21	29	151	.808
24	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	39	58	14	18	90	.800
25	Dickerson.....	Cincinnati.....	80	143	8	38	189	.798
25	Shaffer.....	Chicago.....	69	95	48	26	179	.798
26	W. B. Foley.....	Cincinnati.....	25	40	11	14	65	.784
26	Jas. O'Rourke.....	Providence.....	54	51	11	17	79	.784
27	Carpenter.....	Syracuse.....	11	19	6	7	32	.781
28	Kelly.....	Cincinnati.....	26	47	7	16	70	.771
29	Taylor.....	Troy City.....	21	37	2	12	51	.764
30	Mathews.....	Providence.....	19	17	5	7	29	.758
31	Purcell.....	Cincinnati and Syracuse	51	81	7	30	121	.752
32	Dorgan.....	Syracuse.....	14	27	6	11	44	.750
33	Thos. Mansell.....	Troy City.....	39	61	3	23	87	.735
34	Dalrymple.....	Chicago.....	67	99	4	40	143	.720
35	Aaron Clapp.....	Troy City.....	10	9	3	6	18	.666
35	J. L. White.....	Cincinnati.....	20	22	0	11	33	.666
36	C. J. Foley.....	Boston.....	15	9	2	7	18	.611

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
1	Flint.....	Chicago.....	74	317	98	40	45	500	.830
2	Snyder.....	Boston.....	80	398	142	44	71	655	.824
3	Kennedy.....	Cleveland.....	44	279	50	40	34	403	.816
4	Clapp, J. E.....	Buffalo.....	60	282	57	35	55	429	.790
5	Gross.....	Providence.....	30	152	39	22	30	243	.786
6	Holbert.....	Syracuse.....	54	269	64	39	57	429	.776
7	Brown.....	Providence.....	47	234	63	63	40	450	.771
7	White, J. E.....	Cincinnati.....	55	300	84	54	60	498	.771
8	Kelly.....	Cincinnati.....	16	87	37	10	29	163	.760
9	Crowley.....	Buffalo.....	10	34	8	7	7	56	.750
10	Gilligan.....	Cleveland.....	27	147	41	28	42	358	.728
11	Gaskins.....	Troy City.....	20	103	33	18	45	199	.683
12	Riley.....	Troy City.....	49	231	49	61	39	433	.646

BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD OF CLUBS.

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SEASON OF 1879.

NAME OF CLUB.	BATTING.										FIELDING.			
	Number of Games Played.	Numbr of Games Won	Times at Bat.	Runs Scored.	Average per Game.	First Bases.	Percentage of Base Hits per times at Bat.	Number of Times Reached 1st Base	Percentage of Times Reach'd 1st base, per Times at Bat.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisted.	Fielding Errors.	Passed Balls and Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.
Providence.....	84	50	3,372	612	7.28	1,001	.346	1,498	.444	2,817	1,513	379	136	4,335
Boston.....	84	54	3,211	561	6.67	880	.274	1,317	.410	2,257	1,343	327	112	4,049
Chicago.....	79	46	2,982	425	5.38	830	.275	1,154	.385	2,130	1,311	370	77	3,888
Buffalo.....	78	46	2,886	384	4.92	718	.251	1,059	.370	2,103	1,217	336	97	3,743
Cincinnati.....	80	43	3,063	483	6.03	808	.263	1,196	.380	2,165	1,300	484	138	4,067
Cleveland.....	82	27	2,987	323	3.92	666	.223	1,022	.342	2,222	1,304	418	135	4,129
Syracuse.....	70	22	2,587	274	3.91	567	.227	916	.353	1,922	906	415	140	3,383
Troy City.....	75	19	2,775	314	4.18	638	.237	1,008	.363	2,039	1,289	476	215	4,029
Total.....	632	316	23,833	3,375	5.34	6,138	.257	9,170	.384	17,155	10,153	3,195	1,110	31,613

PITCHERS' RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games Played.	Times at Bat of Opponents.	Runs Scored by Opponents.	Average per Game.	Number of 1st Bases Made by Opponents.	Percentage of Base Hits to Times at Bat of Opponents.	Number of Bases Made by Opponents on "Called Balls."	Average per Game.	Number Put Out.	Times Assisting.	Fielding Errors.	Wild Pitches.	Total Chances.	Percentage of Chances Accepted.
Bond	Boston.	62	2,182	216	3.48	554	253	22	0.35	33	310	8	16	367	934
Bradley	Troy City.	53	2,089	330	6.60	576	275	26	0.49	24	261	24	43	352	809
Foley, C. J.	Boston.	18	677	101	5.61	152	208	14	0.77	4	83	10	11	108	805
Galvin	Buffalo.	65	2,354	294	4.52	573	243	28	0.43	34	263	26	22	345	840
Hankinson	Chicago.	24	898	127	5.29	221	246	26	1.08	17	113	7	3	140	928
Larkin	Chicago.	55	2,083	272	4.91	508	243	28	0.50	10	208	13	22	253	861
Mathews	Providence.	19	768	89	4.68	194	292	23	1.21	6	129	5	14	153	875
Mitchell	Cleveland	22	851	156	7.09	245	287	24	1.54	10	119	20	31	180	716
McCormick, James.	Cleveland.	22	836	305	5.08	531	259	35	1.25	39	310	14	32	395	883
McCormick Henry.	Syracuse	49	1,912	297	6.06	595	294	30	0.61	13	157	12	26	298	817
McGavigle	Buffalo.	13	480	65	5.07	113	235	11	0.84	3	90	3	3	99	939
Purcell	Syracuse and Cincinnati.	22	897	167	7.59	276	307	22	1.00	5	68	9	23	105	695
Salisbury	Troy City.	20	385	71	7.10	101	262	11	1.10	3	55	5	9	73	808
White, W. H.	Cincinnati.	75	2,808	410	5.46	682	246	64	0.85	19	344	26	46	435	834
Ward	Providence	65	2,353	268	4.09	571	242	33	0.50	31	378	14	32	455	899

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES PLAYED

DURING THE

SEASON OF 1879.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
1	May	1 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago ...	4	3
2	"	1 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo	Boston	5	0
3	"	1 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	5
4	"	1 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	15	4
5	"	2 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	7	6
6	"	2 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Boston.....	7	4
7	"	2 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	5
8	"	2 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	10	1
9	"	3 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	13	12
10	"	3 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo	Buffalo.....	6	4
11	"	3 Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	4	0
12	"	5 Chicago vs. Syracuse.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	3
13	"	6 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	12	1
14	"	5 Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Boston.....	7	2
15	"	6 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	8	5
16	"	6 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	6
17	"	8 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	2
18	"	8 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	2
19	"	8 Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Boston.....	3	1
20	"	8 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	5
21	"	10 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Chicago....	Chicago....	15	8
22	"	10 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	Syracuse..	7	6
23	"	10 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Buffalo....	Providence	16	10
24	"	10 Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Cleveland..	Boston.....	7	3
25	"	13 Cleveland vs. Syracuse....	Cleveland..	Syracuse....	12	3
26	"	13 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	7	1
27	"	13 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence	14	5
28	"	13 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Boston....	3	2
29	"	13 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Boston....	13	2
30	"	15 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	2
31	"	16 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Troy City..	1	0
32	"	17 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	16	9
33	"	17 Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	7	4
34	"	17 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	3	1
35	"	17 Syracuse vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Syracuse....	11	3
36	"	20 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	8	0
37	"	20 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	9	5
38	"	20 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	5	2
39	"	20 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	11	5
40	"	22 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	10	9
41	"	22 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	8
42	"	22 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	Syracuse....	15	11
43	"	22 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	4	3

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—Continued.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
44	May	24 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago....	Chicago...	6	2
45	"	24 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati.	Providence	17	1
46	"	24 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	7	2
47	"	24 Buffalo vs. Syracuse.....	Buffalo....	Syracuse...	8	3
48	"	28 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Providence	Providence	9	2
49	"	28 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	6	0
50	"	28 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy City..	20	6
51	"	28 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	4	0
52	"	29 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Cleveland..	14	6
53	"	30 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	4	2
54	"	30 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	8	0
55	"	30 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	4	2
56	"	30 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Providence	Providence	4	0
57	"	31 Buffalo vs. Providence....	Providence	Providence	13	2
58	"	31 Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	6	2
59	"	31 Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston.....	Chicago....	4	2
60	"	31 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	8	7
61	June	4 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Cincinnati.	6	5
62	"	5 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	10	1
63	"	5 Chicago vs. Providence..	Providence	Chicago....	6	5
64	"	5 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cleveland..	4	2
65	"	6 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Boston.....	7	4
66	"	6 Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Providence	3	0
67	"	7 Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Chicago....	12	6
68	"	7 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy City..	19	4
69	"	7 Cincinnati vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	9	3
70	"	7 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Buffalo....	4	1
71	"	9 Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston.....	Boston.....	9	0
72	"	10 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston.....	Boston.....	11	1
73	"	10 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	6	1
74	"	11 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Chicago....	6	3
75	"	11 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse..	Syracuse...	7	5
76	"	12 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse..	Buffalo....	5	3
77	"	12 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Chicago....	13	3
78	"	12 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston.....	Boston.....	1	0
79	"	13 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	19	6
80	"	14 Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	4	3
81	"	14 Cleveland vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Cleveland..	3	2
82	"	14 Syracuse vs. Buffalo.....	Syracuse..	Buffalo....	10	0
83	"	14 Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy.....	10	9
84	"	17 Chicago vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Chicago....	3	2
85	"	17 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	3	1
86	"	17 Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Boston.....	Boston.....	9	6
87	"	17 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Cleveland..	5	2
88	"	19 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	8	1
89	"	19 Chicago vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Chicago....	4	3
90	"	19 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	4	3
91	"	19 Boston vs. Cincinnati....	Boston.....	Boston.....	6	0
92	"	20 Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	8	3
93	"	21 Chicago vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse..	Chicago....	5	3
94	"	21 Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	5	3

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—Continued.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
95	June 21	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Cincinnati..	15	13
96	" 23	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	0
97	" 24	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	4	3
98	" 24	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	4	1
99	" 24	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Providence	4	1
100	" 25	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	9	2
101	" 25	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	3	0
102	" 25	Cincinnati vs. Chicago...	Cincinnati..	Chicago....	7	3
103	" 25	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Troy.....	5	1
104	" 26	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Troy.....	Troy.....	3	1
105	" 26	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	3	2
106	" 27	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	15	3
107	" 27	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	2	1
108	" 28	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	5	1
109	" 28	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston.....	Boston.....	10	5
110	" 30	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Syracuse...	Troy City..	5	2
111	" 30	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	1
112	July 1	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence	8	4
113	" 1	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Cleveland..	Buffalo....	9	0
114	" 1	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago.....	Cincinnati..	7	5
115	" 1	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
116	" 2	Syracuse vs. Troy City...	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	4	0
117	" 2	Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago.....	Cincinnati..	9	8
118	" 2	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Cleveland..	Buffalo....	4	2
119	" 4	Cleveland vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo.....	Cleveland..	14	8
120	" 4	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Providence.	7	4
121	" 4	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	4	3
122	" 4	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	1
123	" 5	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	5
124	" 5	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	14	6
125	" 5	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	9	6
126	" 5	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Providence.	5	2
127	" 7	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence.	Troy City..	9	7
128	" 8	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	4	3
129	" 8	Cincinnati vs. Syracuse.	Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	6	1
130	" 8	Buffalo vs. Cleveland...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	2	1
131	" 10	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	6	2
132	" 10	Chicago vs. Syracuse...	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	7	6
133	" 11	Chicago vs. Syracuse...	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	8	2
134	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Boston.....	11	2
135	" 12	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	4	3
136	" 12	Chicago vs. Syracuse...	Chicago.....	Syracuse...	9	7
137	" 12	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Providence	3	2
138	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	4	3
139	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	5	4
140	" 14	Cleveland vs. Providence	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	5
141	" 14	Cincinnati vs. Boston...	Cincinnati..	Boston.....	8	4
142	" 15	Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	9	0
143	" 15	Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	11	0
144	" 15	Syracuse vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	7
145	" 15	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	4	3

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—Continued.

No. of Games Played.	DATE, 1879.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
146	July	16 Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	5	3
147	"	16 Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago....	Chicago....	4	0
148	"	16 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Providence	5	3
149	"	16 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	1
150	"	17 Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Cleveland..	Syracuse...	8	6
151	"	17 Chicago vs. Troy City...	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	4
152	"	17 Cincinnati vs. Providence	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	8	4
153	"	17 Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Buffalo.....	Boston.....	12	5
154	"	19 Buffalo vs. Syracuse..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	4	3
155	"	19 Cincinnati vs. Troy City	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	7	6
156	"	19 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence..	9	1
157	"	19 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	8	2
158	"	21 Boston vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Boston.....	9	0
159	"	21 Cincinnati vs. Troy City.	Cincinnati..	Cincinnati..	10	0
160	"	21 Buffalo vs. Syracuse..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	3	1
161	"	22 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Chicago....	8	6
162	"	23 Chicago vs. Providence..	Chicago....	Providence..	13	4
163	"	23 Boston vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Boston.....	3	1
164	"	24 Troy City vs. Cleveland..	Cleveland..	Troy City..	2	0
165	"	24 Buffalo vs. Providence..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	7	4
166	"	25 Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
167	"	26 Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	11	8
168	"	26 Buffalo vs. Providence..	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	6	2
169	"	26 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	1	0
170	"	28 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	12	0
171	"	28 Chicago vs. Cincinnati...	Chicago....	Cincinnati..	5	2
172	"	28 Providence vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo.....	Buffalo....	7	5
173	"	28 Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	1
174	"	29 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	13	4
175	"	30 Syracuse vs. Providence..	Syracuse...	Providence..	9	2
176	"	30 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo....	7	5
177	"	30 Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	6
178	"	30 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	8	0
179	"	31 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	19	3
180	"	31 Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
181	"	31 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo....	5	3
182	"	31 Providence vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Providence..	10	2
183	August	2 Providence vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Providence..	8	4
184	"	2 Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Cincinnati..	Buffalo....	9	5
185	"	2 Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	7	0
186	"	2 Troy City vs. Boston.....	Troy.....	Boston.....	9	0
187	"	5 Troy City vs. Providence	Troy.....	Providence..	7	6
188	"	5 Boston vs. Syracuse.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	8	2
189	"	5 Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Chicago....	Buffalo....	2	1
190	"	6 Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Chicago....	Buffalo....	9	3
191	"	6 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Boston.....	7	0
192	"	6 Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence..	5	1
193	"	7 Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence..	13	9
194	"	7 Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	3	2
195	"	7 Syracuse vs. Boston.....	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
196	"	9 Syracuse vs. Providence..	Syracuse...	Providence..	6	3

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
197	August 9	Cleveland vs. Buffalo....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	6	5
198	" 9	Boston vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Boston.....	6	1
199	" 9	Cincinnati vs. Chicago....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	11	6
200	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Chicago....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	1
201	" 11	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Buffalo.....	2	0
202	" 11	Syracuse vs. Providence..	Syracuse..	Providence	3	2
203	" 11	Troy City vs. Boston....	Troy.....	Boston.....	7	4
204	" 12	Troy City vs. Boston....	Troy.....	Boston.....	8	7
205	" 12	Buffalo vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Buffalo.....	2	0
206	" 12	Providence vs. Syracuse	Syracuse..	Providence	2	1
207	" 12	Chicago vs. Cincinnati....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	0
208	" 13	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Providence	11	3
209	" 14	Providence vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	2
210	" 14	Syracuse vs. Boston....	Boston.....	Syracuse..	4	0
211	" 14	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Chicago....	5	4
212	" 15	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	2	0
213	" 15	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston.....	Boston.....	13	0
214	" 15	Troy City vs. Providence	Troy.....	Providence	16	7
215	" 15	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati....	Buffalo.....	Buffalo.....	10	9
216	" 18	Cleveland vs. Chicago....	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	11	2
217	" 19	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Boston.....	8	3
218	" 19	Providence vs. Syracuse..	Providence	Providence	12	2
219	" 19	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	2	1
220	" 19	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Buffalo.....	9	3
221	" 20	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	8	1
222	" 20	Providence vs. Syracuse..	Providence	Providence	13	3
223	" 20	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	9	5
224	" 20	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Boston.....	15	3
225	" 21	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Boston.....	16	0
226	" 21	Chicago vs. Buffalo.....	Chicago....	Chicago....	10	1
227	" 21	Providence vs. Syracuse..	Providence	Syracuse..	6	0
228	" 21	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	7	3
229	" 22	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	15	1
230	" 22	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston.....	Boston.....	12	4
231	" 23	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston.....	Boston.....	11	2
232	" 23	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	12	3
233	" 23	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	1
234	" 25	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Cleveland..	5	1
235	" 25	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	9	1
236	" 26	Providence vs. Troy City	Providence	Providence	8	6
237	" 26	Chicago vs. Cleveland....	Chicago....	Chicago....	6	3
238	" 26	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston.....	Boston.....	10	3
239	" 26	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo....	Cincinnati.	Buffalo.....	4	0
240	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo....	Cincinnati.	Cincinnati.	5	2
241	" 27	Boston vs. Syracuse....	Boston.....	Boston.....	6	4
242	" 28	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo.....	Chicago....	6	1
243	" 28	Providence vs. Syracuse..	Providence	Providence	17	1
244	" 28	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	7	6
245	" 28	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Boston.....	15	1
246	" 29	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	9	3
247	" 29	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston.....	Boston.....	11	1

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
248	Aug. 29	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Syracuse...	7	4
249	" 30	Providence vs. Syracuse.	Providence	Providence	6	2
250	" 30	Boston vs. Troy City....	Boston....	Troy City..	4	1
251	" 30	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	3
252	Sept. 1	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati	Cleveland..	Cincinnati.	4	2
253	" 1	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo. ..	Chicago....	4	1
254	" 3	Chicago vs. Providence..	Providence	Providence	8	1
255	" 3	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy City..	5	4
256	" 3	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Buffalo....	8	5
257	" 4	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	6	2
258	" 4	Chicago vs. Providence ..	Providence	Providence	10	3
259	" 4	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cleveland..	4	1
260	" 5	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cleveland..	6	1
261	" 5	Buffalo vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Boston....	9	3
262	" 5	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati..	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	18	2
263	" 6	Syracuse vs. Cincinnati.	Syracuse...	Cincinnati.	6	0
264	" 6	Providence vs. Chicago..	Providence	Providence	11	5
265	" 6	Cleveland vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Troy City..	13	5
266	" 6	Boston vs. Buffalo.....	Boston....	Boston....	10	1
267	" 8	Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	11	5
268	" 8	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Providence	7	4
269	" 8	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Boston....	10	0
270	" 9	Chicago vs. Boston.....	Boston....	Boston....	4	0
271	" 9	Providence vs. Buffalo...	Providence	Buffalo....	4	2
272	" 9	Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Cleveland..	5	0
273	" 10	Cleveland vs. Syracuse..	Syracuse...	Syracuse...	6	5
274	" 10	Troy City vs. Cincinnati.	Troy.....	Troy City..	9	4
275	" 10	Buffalo vs. Providence..	Providence	Providence	3	2
276	" 10	Boston vs. Chicago.....	Boston....	Boston....	17	8
277	" 11	Cincinnati vs. Troy City..	Troy.....	Cincinnati.	10	1
278	" 12	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Boston....	4	1
279	" 12	Buffalo vs. Troy City	Troy.....	Buffalo....	8	2
280	" 12	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Providence	8	4
281	" 13	Cleveland vs. Providence	Providence	Cleveland..	2	1
282	" 13	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	10	4
283	" 13	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Cincinnati.	7	5
284	" 15	Cincinnati vs. Boston....	Boston....	Cincinnati.	5	3
285	" 15	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	4	2
286	" 15	Providence vs. Cleveland	Providence	Providence	5	1
287	" 16	Buffalo vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Buffalo....	2	1
288	" 17	Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy City..	5	4
289	" 17	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	6	2
290	" 17	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	4	3
291	" 18	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	5	4
292	" 19	Providence vs. Cincinnati	Providence	Providence	15	5
293	" 19	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	10	7
294	" 20	Boston vs. Cleveland....	Boston....	Boston....	10	7
295	" 20	Chicago vs. Troy City....	Troy.....	Troy City..	6	4
296	" 22	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	3	0
297	" 23	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	12	7
298	" 23	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	10	7

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					Winning Club.	Losing Club.
299	Sept. 23	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston....	Boston....	7	3
300	" 24	Buffalo vs. Cincinnati...	Buffalo....	Cincinnati...	8	5
301	" 24	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Chicago....	2	1
302	" 25	Chicago vs. Cleveland...	Cleveland..	Chicago....	6	5
303	" 25	Boston vs. Providence...	Boston....	Providence...	15	4
304	" 25	Cincinnati vs. Buffalo...	Buffalo....	Cincinnati...	10	2
305	" 26	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland	Cleveland..	Cincinnati...	6	2
306	" 26	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Chicago....	3	1
307	" 26	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence...	7	6
308	" 27	Providence vs. Boston...	Boston....	Boston....	12	6
309	" 27	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	17	5
310	" 27	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati...	15	4
311	" 29	Cincinnati vs. Cleveland.	Cleveland..	Cincinnati...	13	1
312	" 29	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	5	3
313	" 29	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence...	5	1
314	" 30	Providence vs. Boston...	Providence	Providence...	14	3
315	" 30	Cleveland vs. Cincinnati.	Cleveland..	Cleveland..	1	6
316	" 30	Buffalo vs. Chicago.....	Buffalo....	Buffalo....	10	2
Total.....					2430	945

Total Number of Runs Scored, 3,375.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS.

Providence.....	612	Opponents,	355
Boston	561	"	348
Chicago.....	425	"	399
Buffalo	384	"	360
Cincinnati.....	483	"	462
Cleveland.....	322	"	461
Troy City.....	314	"	535
Syracuse.....	274	"	455
3,375		3,375	

Average number of runs scored per game by winning clubs.....7.69

Average number of runs scored per game by losing clubs.....2.99

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